

MIT President Charles M. Vest addresses the Undergraduate Association Monday evening regarding his reaction to the "ghetto party" e-mail.

MIT to Cut 250 Jobs, UA Reviews Flag Issue

By Keith J. Winstein
NEWS EDITOR

President Charles M. Vest addressed the Undergraduate Association Senate last night, discussing MIT's financial health and his response to the "Ghetto Party" held at East Campus two weeks ago.

Separately, Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict will create a committee "to review the current policy in housing about not making any additions or alterations to our residence halls" in light of the current controversy surrounding flags hanging outside of student windows, according to text from Benedict's charge to the committee provided by UA Speaker Yun-Ling Wong '04.

Last night, the Senate voted to weaken and then narrowly pass a

resolution calling for the housing policy to reflect "the sentiment of many undergraduates that the façade of dormitories is reasonable domain for personal expression."

Vest: 200-250 layoffs to come

MIT's budget is under "enormous pressure," Vest said. "We've been through three years of not-at-all-good returns on our endowment."

About 200 to 250 MIT employees will lose their jobs, he said, or about 2.3 percent of MIT's about 10,800 employees.

"We don't like to talk about it as a percentage, because if you're one of the two percent, this is still bad," he said.

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Coffeehouse Space Will Stay Empty for Now, Says CAC

By Lauren E. LeBon
NEWS EDITOR

The space of the former Coffeehouse will not host any new businesses in the near future, said Director of the Campus Activities Complex Phillip J. Walsh.

After the closure of the 24-hour Coffeehouse last December because of financial losses, an assembled advisory board considered student proposals for new dining and entertainment options for the space last spring.

The advisory board, consisting of CAC members and students, decided that the factors that initially

led to the demise of the Coffeehouse, most notably the location on the third floor of the Student Center, would cause a new business to not be financially viable, Walsh said.

Gong Ke Shen '99 submitted a proposal last year for a cafe serving bubble tea, a popular Taiwanese drink. The CAC told Shen that for the time being there would be no commercial food vendors in the Coffeehouse space because of the poor location and competition in the Student Center.

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IFC JudComm: DKE Exiled for One Year

By Beckett W. Sterner
NEWS EDITOR

The Interfraternity Council Judiciary Committee has decided to suspend the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity from its house for one year following an unregistered party on Aug. 23.

The suspension would force DKE to move out of its house from this Thursday until Oct. 23, 2004, and would also include "revoking social events, chapter housing privileges, recruitment (rush) and new member intake programs (pledges)," according to the decision letter sent to DKE.

DKE Vice President Spencer M. Cross '05 and Tom Kilpatrick '05, media liaison for DKE, declined to comment on the details of the case.

DKE has until Thursday to appeal the decision, the letter says. An appeal would automatically forestall the suspension until it is decided by a JudComm appeals committee of three members who were not a part of the original hearing.

The IFC JudComm bylaws say that a fraternity may appeal a decision based on new evidence being available, an incorrect handling of procedure during the hearing, or the severity of the decision.

The IFC does not make its decision letters public, but a copy was obtained by *The Tech* and confirmed as authentic by JudComm Chair David B. Gottlieb G. (Please see page 23.)

Decision has several components

As part of the decision, the IFC requires that "the leadership of the organization must begin to meet weekly with the staff in the FSILG office" in order to "effect positive change in the organization's culture."

Also as part of the suspension, DKE would not be able to hold rush within the IFC system next year.

David N. Rogers, assistant dean of fraternities, sororities and indepen-

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Recolonization Under Way for SAE

By Jina Kim
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity chapter at MIT held its official recolonization ceremony this past Saturday, and has been recognized as a "colony" by the national SAE organization.

Nine pledges participated in the ceremony on Saturday. It was conducted by alumni of the former SAE chapter at MIT and officials from the national SAE organization. "Colony" is the official SAE term for a fraternity chapter in its beginning stages.

The pledges will eventually be initiated into brotherhood with the help of alumni and other local SAE chapters at Harvard, Emerson, and

Boston University.

"It'll be six to twelve months before we're a chapter," said Matthew W. Adkisson '05, one of the nine pledges.

IFC recognition next step for SAE

MIT currently views the SAE chapter as an interest group on campus, said David N. Rogers, assistant dean and director for fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Rogers said that MIT and the Interfraternity Council have been working closely with SAE in the process for IFC recognition.

The SAE chapter must convince the IFC that there is a need for its presence on campus, said Rogers.

SAE has been allowed to return to MIT since Fall 2002, after being shut down in 2000 for allegedly serving alcohol to a 19-year-old Wellesley College student who was taken by ambulance to a hospital.

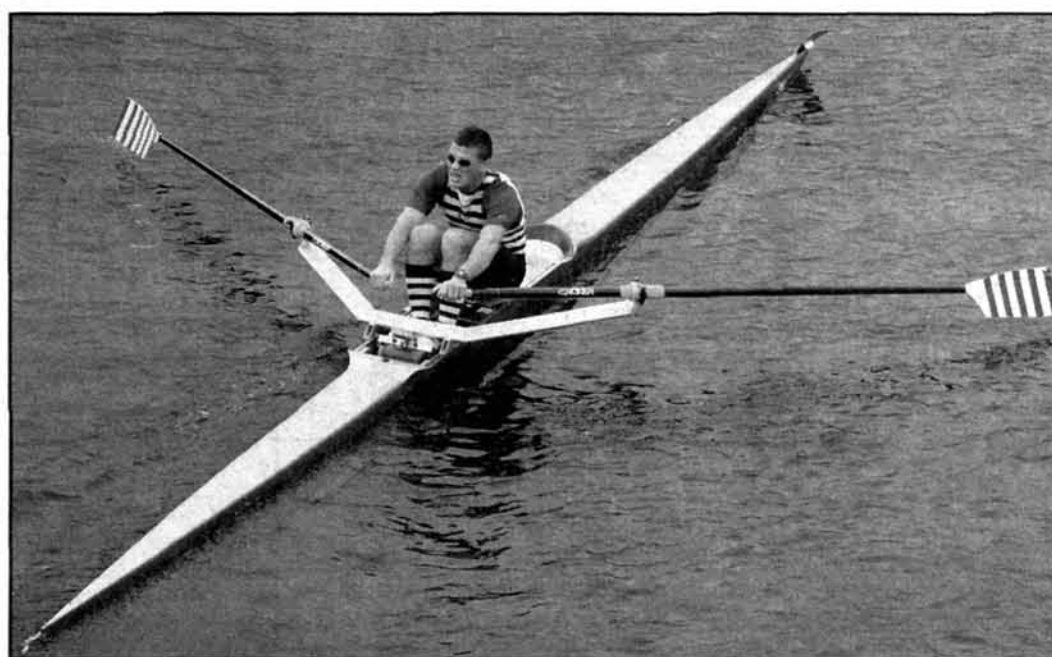
Rogers said that the SAE alumni and national SAE members were not ready to reform the MIT chapter at that time.

Recolonization of the SAE chapter has been under serious consideration "since the beginning of the summer" of 2003, said Adkisson.

SAE hopes event will draw notice

SAE will not participate in

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Igor L. Belakovskiy '01 competes in the Championship Singles event at the Head of the Charles among national team members and hopefuls. Belakovskiy placed 24th. For more Head of Charles photos, see page 20.



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Israeli Aircraft Make Multiple Attacks in Gaza

THE NEW YORK TIMES

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

Israeli warplanes and helicopter gunships struck Gaza five times on Monday, killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 90, Palestinian hospital authorities said, as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon affirmed Israel's threat to remove Yasser Arafat.

Sirens wailed through Gaza City late Monday night while Israeli aircraft continued to tear through the darkness overhead, after one of the most intensive, lethal air barrages of the conflict, now more than three years old.

The deadliest attack of the day came after dark, south of here in the Nuseirat refugee camp. Palestinian witnesses said that Israeli helicopters fired at a car, then fired again as a crowd gathered.

Hospital officials said that at least eight people were killed and 70 were injured. It was not immediately clear how many of the casualties were militants and how many bystanders. Witnesses said that two of the three people inside the car were killed.

The Israeli army said that helicopters fired several missiles at the getaway car of gunmen who fled after being spotted trying to cross the barrier that brackets Gaza against the Mediterranean Sea.

The army said that two other gunmen from the same cell had been shot near the fence. It was not immediately certain if they were killed.

Residents of the camp crowded around the charred remains of the vehicle, chanting for revenge.

A Violent Blast from a Volcano And a Society Was Undone

THE NEW YORK TIMES

For decades, scholars have debated whether the eruption of the Thera volcano in the Aegean more than 3,000 years ago brought about the mysterious collapse of Minoan civilization at the peak of its glory. The volcanic isle (whose remnants are known as Santorini) lay just 70 miles from Minoan Crete, so it seemed quite reasonable that its fury could have accounted for the fall of that celebrated people.

This idea suffered a blow in 1987 when Danish scientists studying cores from the Greenland icecap reported evidence that Thera exploded in 1645 B.C., some 150 years before the usually accepted date. That put so much time between the natural disaster and the Minoan decline that the linkage came to be widely doubted, seeming far-fetched at best.

Scientist Says Many Athletes Use Undetected Steroids

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Don Catlin, the scientist who identified a previously undetected steroid and oversaw tests indicating that as many as six athletes in track and field had used the drug, said Monday that he thought athletes were probably using similar unidentified drugs.

Catlin, a molecular pharmacologist at UCLA's Olympic Analytical Laboratory, led an eight-man team that identified the steroid tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG.

The drug is at the center of an investigation that started in track and field but appears likely to involve dozens of other professional athletes. About 40 have been called before a federal grand jury in San Francisco to investigate a sports nutrition company accused of creating the drug.

Among them is Jason Giambi of the Yankees, who said Monday that he had not done anything wrong and was only vaguely aware of the investigation.

"There's not really much I know about it," Giambi said in Miami on an off day of the World Series. "The only thing I can do is wait until someone contacts me and see what they're looking for."

Sniper Suspect Defends Self, Says Case Is Just Guesswork

By James Dao

THE NEW YORK TIMES

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

John Allen Muhammad, the accused mastermind of the Washington-area sniper shootings, fired his lawyers on Monday and took control of his own defense, telling the jury in a rambling but at times forceful opening argument that "I had nothing to do with these crimes."

The surprise move seemed the result of a sharp philosophical clash between Muhammad and his three court-appointed lawyers, whose pretrial motions and remarks suggested they would focus more on avoiding capital punishment for Muhammad than on winning an acquittal.

But the moment Muhammad strode to the lectern to present his opening statement on Monday morning, he made clear his goal would be to demonstrate that he was innocent of any crimes and was the victim of an unjust prosecution built on guesswork.

"They are saying the entire case is based on a theory," said Muhammad, who began haltingly in a lisping drawl, but seemed to gain confidence as he spoke for nearly 30 minutes.

"I'm locked up, I'm denied my

constitutional rights, based on a guess," said Muhammad, a 42-year-old former Army sergeant.

The decision by Circuit Court Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. to allow Muhammad to represent himself came at the start of a dramatic first day of arguments and testimony in which the prosecution outlined its extensive circumstantial evidence linking Muhammad and the man accused of being his accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, to 10 fatal shootings last fall.

Malvo, who is scheduled to stand trial next month, made a brief appearance in the courtroom so that a witness could identify him. Wearing an orange jumpsuit, Malvo, 18, peered silently at Muhammad — whom he has described as his father — before being led away by two sheriff's deputies.

The witness, a bank employee, testified that she saw Muhammad and Malvo parked outside her office about an hour before the shooting of Dean H. Meyers while he pumped gas at a Sunoco station in Manassas, Va., on Oct. 9, 2002. The bank was less than a quarter mile from the Sunoco, the witness said.

Muhammad faces two murder charges that could result in a death

sentence. Even if he is found guilty, he will probably be prosecuted in the other killings, a process that could take years.

Experts said that Muhammad's decision to represent himself would be particularly significant if he were found guilty, as many experts say is likely, and the trial moved into a penalty phase when the jury would decide whether he should be executed. That decision will turn on whether he can effectively argue that mitigating evidence like mental illness or childhood problems should call for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

"If you have good counsel, you have a very good chance of avoiding the death penalty," said Jamie Orenstein, a former federal prosecutor, referring to the presentation of mitigating evidence. "If you've got bad counsel, you're likely to be sentenced to death. Now he's got the very worst possible counsel."

In a 25-minute discussion at the judge's bench before the opening arguments, Millette urged Muhammad to reconsider his motion to represent himself, saying he had "zero" experience. "It's a mistake to do this," he told Muhammad, who stood bolt upright as he listened intently.

Asia and Pacific Rim Countries Restrict Shoulder-Fired Missiles

By Philip Shenon

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The United States has won agreement from governments across Asia and the Pacific Rim to sharply restrict the use and transfer of shoulder-fired missiles that could be used by al-Qaida and other terrorist groups to shoot down passenger planes, senior Bush administration officials said Monday.

They said the U.S. was pressing to have the restrictions on the missiles, like the American-made Stinger and the Russian-made SA-7, written into the final statement that will be issued at this week's meeting in Bangkok of President Bush and his counterparts from Asian and Pacific nations.

Administration officials said the U.S. proposal reflected a growing fear among intelligence and law-enforcement agencies that al-Qaida plans new attacks with the weapons, similar to its attempt last November to shoot down an Israeli passenger plane in Mombasa, Kenya. The two Russian-made missiles fired at the Boeing 757 barely missed.

In a meeting with Asian foreign ministers last weekend, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell called for joint action to control trade in the lightweight missiles, telling his counterparts that "no threat is more serious to aviation."

American officials said that the statement in Bangkok will likely call for all Asian and Pacific Rim nations and the United States to

adopt formal controls over their inventories of small surface-to-air missiles and to ban any transfer of the weapons to "nonstate end-users," such as guerrilla groups or terrorists.

The draft proposal offered by the United States also calls for "strong national regulations on the production, transfer and brokering of these systems" and for joint research on the feasibility of a new generation of lightweight missiles with "launch control features that preclude their unauthorized use."

Weapons specialists say that tens of thousands of shoulder-fired missiles are now in circulation on the international arms market, with the price for an older Russian-made SA-7 set at as little as a \$5,000.

WEATHER

When Will We See the First Snow?

By David Flagg

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

With the latest sub-normal temperature regime prompting the return of our pre-winter apparel, we are reminded that the first flakes of the season cannot be too far behind. In Boston, the earliest recorded trace of snow came on October 2nd, 1899. The earliest measurable snowfall fell on October 10th, 1979, when 0.2 inches (0.5 cm) surprised even the meteorologists. In 1913, a grand total of 0.4 inches (1.0 cm) fell during the month of October, giving that year the title of snowiest October. However, for those less enthusiastic about the impending return to winter, you can take heart in the fact that the average date for the first trace of snow in Boston is not until Nov. 4. Moreover, the first 0.5 inch (1.3 cm) or greater snowfall does not arrive, on average, until Dec. 5. Back in 1973, Bostonians waited until Dec. 16 before the first flakes ever fell. Statistics aside, this week will continue to be cooler than normal with a fairly narrow but high amplitude trough dominating our weather in New England through Friday. Look for warmer, more seasonal temperatures and sunnier weather by the weekend.

Extended Forecast

Today: Overcast with a chance of rain, breezy. High 64°F (18°C).

Tonight: Cloudy. Low 46°F (8°C).

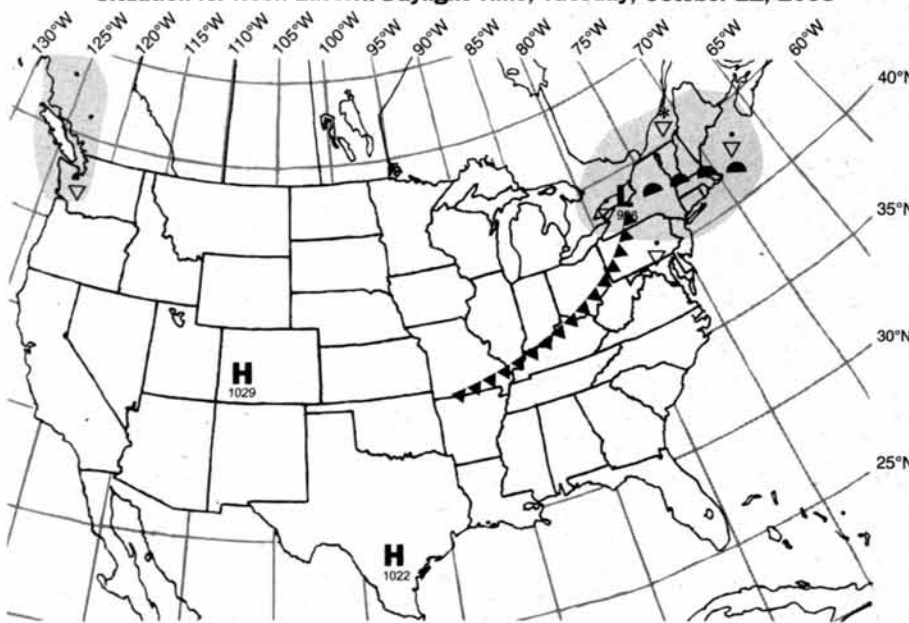
Tomorrow: Clearing skies, crisp. High 51°F (10°C).

Tomorrow night: Becoming cloudy again, cold. Low 38°F (3°C).

Thursday: Continued overcast and cold. High 49°F (9°C).

Friday: Clearing skies, slightly milder. High 52°F (11°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, October 21, 2003



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	☉ Snow	☁ Fog
L Low Pressure	—•— Warm Front	☂ Rain	⚡ Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	▲▲▲ Cold Front	☂ Light	∞ Haze
	▲▲▲ Stationary Front	☂ Moderate	
		☂ Heavy	

Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

Boston Police to Seek Charges Against 2 Yankees Over Scuffle

By Michael S. Rosenwald
and Douglas Belkin
THE BOSTON GLOBE

Boston police are seeking misdemeanor assault and battery charges against two New York Yankees players for allegedly attacking a Red Sox grounds crew worker during Game 3 of the American League Championship Series.

Detectives will seek a complaint Tuesday morning in Roxbury District Court charging pitcher Jeff Nelson and outfielder Karim Garcia, who allegedly beat Paul Williams in the Yankees' bullpen at Fenway Park, according to police spokeswoman Mariellen Burns.

The players will be summoned for a hearing next month, at which time a clerk magistrate will hear evidence and decide whether to issue charges.

Nelson and Garcia have the option of appearing at the hearing and presenting evidence to counter statements by Williams and police officers, two of whom said they

witnessed the alleged attack on Oct. 11. Should the clerk issue charges, the players would be arraigned in Roxbury District Court, possibly that day.

Williams, a special education teacher in New Hampshire, could not be reached for comment. Garcia and Nelson, interviewed in the visitors' clubhouse in Miami where the Yankees are playing the Florida Marlins in the World Series, said they were unaware of the development in the case.

"I'm answering no questions about that," Nelson said.

Garcia said, "I've heard nothing from Boston. I'm letting my lawyers handle that."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he hoped the criminal proceedings would not affect his team, which is tied 1-1 with the Marlins in the World Series. "I would think most of these guys had to deal with a lot of issues off the field, family issues and so forth, and I suspect this would be no different," he said.

David Procopio, a spokesman for the Suffolk district attorney's office, which has been working with police about the case, said detectives "took a lot of time to do this, and rightly so. They wanted to speak with everyone who had knowledge of the case."

Procopio said the misdemeanor charges were sought because they were what the police thought they could "take into court and meet their burden of proof."

Police can arrest someone on the spot if they witness an action, Procopio said, but it's common "in a case where you have many witnesses to get different accounts of what happened and to put those accounts before a court."

The fact that the alleged attackers play for the New York Yankees had no bearing on the investigation, Procopio said.

"We would be pursuing the same course of action were the principals affiliated with the Texas Rangers, the Minnesota Twins, or the Toledo Mudhens," said Procopio.

'Pacifist' College Student Charged With Carrying Weapon on Plane

By Peter T. Kilborn
and Gary Gately
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BALTIMORE, MD.

A 20-year-old college junior was charged on Monday with breaching airport security after alerting authorities that he hid box cutters, bleach, and matches on two aircraft.

FBI investigators told the U.S. district court here that the student, Nathaniel T. Heatwole, told them he tucked the items in Ziploc bags and hid them under the lavatory sinks of two Southwest Airlines planes as a test of airport security. They went undetected for a month.

Heatwole, who sat in court displaying no emotion, was charged with carrying a concealed and dangerous weapon aboard the planes, a violation of federal law. Magistrate Judge Susan K. Gauvey released him without bail and set a preliminary hearing date of Nov. 10. He could be fined and imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if found guilty.

On Thursday, box cutters, bottles of bleach and clay were found hidden on Southwest planes in New Orleans and Houston.

According to an FBI affidavit presented to the court, the Transportation Security Administration told the FBI on Friday of a mid-

September e-mail message it had received from Heatwole that said on the subject line "Information Regarding 6 Recent Security Breaches."

The FBI said the student in his e-mail told of six incidents of security lapses beginning on Feb. 7, and ending on Sept. 14, at Raleigh-Durham International Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

He said in his e-mail he smuggled items on his person and some in his carry on bag including box cutter blades, box cutters, a knife, molding clay which he considered a simulated plastic explosive, matches and bleach.

The FBI said he also left notes which were signed "3891925." The number is the reverse of Heatwole's birthdate: 5/29/1983.

Eric Morefield, an FBI bomb technician, said in the affidavit that Heatwole, a student at Guilford College in North Carolina "stated that he was aware that his actions were against the law and that he was aware of the potential consequences for his actions, and that his actions were 'an act of civil disobedience with the aim of improving public safety for the air-traveling public.'"

The e-mail from him was signed, "Sincerely, Nat Heatwole,

nat@ajheatwole.com."

In Damascus, Md., a horse and affluent, fast-growing suburb an hour west of Baltimore where the Heatwoles live, and at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., a Quaker school where Heatwole is a political science and physics major, acquaintances portrayed him as a clean-cut, bright young man who is passionate about his pacifist views. He often made the honor roll at Damascus High.

Heatwole had also received \$1,000 scholarships each of the past two years from the Potomac Valley Radio Club, a group of ham-radio enthusiasts, said the group's president, Jack Hammett. "He always had it together," he said. "He was just always well-dressed and alert, and he was the kind of man you just enjoyed being around."

Hammett added, "I just don't know what to think" of the charge that he tampered with airport security. "It's just very surprising. It just didn't seem in character with the young man."

At Guilford College — whose slogan is "Be the change you wish to see in the world" — students returned from a week-long break on Sunday to find hordes of journalists on the campus of 2,100 students.

Bush Tells Malaysian Prime Minister Speeches Against Jews Are 'Divisive'

By David E. Sanger
THE NEW YORK TIMES

BANGKOK, THAILAND

President Bush ran into Malaysia's pugnacious prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, at the opening of the Asian summit meeting on Monday afternoon, and told him privately that he was "wrong and divisive" when he declared last week that Jews ran the world by proxy, the White House said on Monday night.

Then Bush, who rarely recounts his private conversations with other world leaders, sent his press secretary out to report the encounter in detail. This included Bush's declaration to the Malaysian leader that "It stands squarely against what I believe in."

It was a strange and highly choreographed encounter, another twist in an up-and-down relationship. For four days after Mahathir spun out his strange theory of how Jews survived extinction — and then went on to succeed at the expense of Muslims — Bush was silent on the

subject, even as Italy, Australia and other countries condemned the speech as offensive and anti-Semitic. Mahathir is retiring in a few months, and it seemed that the White House had decided not to pick an open fight with a prickly leader whom Bush praised in the Oval Office last year as a strong ally in the campaign against terrorism.

In fact, Malaysia has often been cited by administration officials as an exemplary, moderate Islamic nation, even if it was run by a man who once blamed the 1997 Asian financial crisis on the Jews and often claimed that Western-style democracy would be a disaster in the developing world. Bush began to sour on Mahathir earlier this year, though, when he declared that invading Iraq would be a racist attack on a Muslim state.

But by the time Bush landed in this jammed capital for a state visit and the two-day annual summit meeting, it became clear, White House officials said, that the Presi-

dent could no longer be silent. So Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser, told reporters on Monday that "everyone thinks the comments were hateful, they are outrageous," and that Bush regarded them as "reprehensible."

"I don't think they are emblematic of the Muslim world," she said.

But as Bush prepares on Wednesday to drop in, for three hours, on the most populous Muslim nation, Indonesia, some White House officials are clearly concerned that Mahathir's speech on Thursday may have had considerable resonance. It received a standing ovation from Muslim leaders of many nations, including Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, who were attending the 57-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, the world's largest Muslim group.

"Clearly, we had to respond," a White House official said on Monday. "But the president wanted to do it in a quiet way, without further public embarrassment for Mahathir."

Flaw Is Found in Plan To Bury Nuclear Waste

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

The Energy Department's design for burying nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, near Las Vegas, would cause corrosion that would perforate the waste containers and allow leaks, an expert panel is preparing to advise the department.

Nuclear waste gives off heat as well as radiation, and the Energy Department is considering taking advantage of that by spacing the waste containers closely. That would heat the tunnels to nearly 300 degrees Fahrenheit in the first few decades, thus keeping the metal dry and preventing corrosion, the department has said.

But the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, a panel created by Congress to advise the department, believes otherwise, according to a letter the members have drafted. Members said changes to the letter were possible before it is submitted to the department, but the draft, circulated on Monday, said new tests "cast doubt on the extent to which the waste package will be an effective barrier under the repository conditions that have been presented to the board."

One board member, Thure E. Cerling, a professor of biology and of geology and geophysics at the University of Utah, said "most reactions take place faster at higher temperatures" and this included rust.

Any available water would mix with salt, present in the tunnels' dust, the experts said, and the salty water could lead to pitting and perforation of the containers.

A New Kind of Genomics With an Eye on Ecosystems

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Determining the complete DNA sequence of a single species has become almost commonplace. It has been done for humans, mice, rice plants and a host of microbes, among others. Now some scientists are moving to a more audacious challenge, sequencing "metagenomes," the DNA of entire ecosystems.

The new efforts seek to read all the DNA in the bacterial communities found in a patch of soil or seawater or even the lining of the human gut. Deciphering the genetic blueprint of all of the microbial species may help tell scientists which species are present and how they work together. Thousands of previously unknown microorganisms may be unearthed, as well as new drugs, chemicals and ways of harnessing bacteria to fight pollution.

"We think this is a window on biology that is really unprecedented in its implications," said Dr. Jo Handelsman, a professor of plant pathology at the University of Wisconsin, who coined the term metagenomics to refer to the new field. Others call it community genomics, environmental genomics, or microbial population genomics.

By whatever name, the task will not be easy. There can be thousands of different microbial species in a spoonful of soil. "A milliliter of seawater, in a genetic sense, has more complexity than the human genome," said Dr. Edward F. DeLong, a senior scientist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in California.

Students Find the Textbooks They Need Are Cheaper Overseas

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Richard Sarkis and David Kinsley were juniors at Williams College, surfing the net for a cheap source for their economics textbook, when they discovered a little known economic fact: The very same college textbooks used in the United States sell for half price or less — in England.

Just like prescription drugs, textbooks cost far less overseas than they do in the United States. The publishing industry defends its pricing policies, saying that foreign sales would be impossible if book prices were not pegged to local market conditions.

But many Americans do not see it that way.

The National Association of College Stores, for example, has written to all the leading publishers asking them to end a practice they see as unfair to American students.

"We think it's frightening, and it's wrong, that the same American textbooks our stores buy here for \$100 can be shipped in from some other country for \$50," said Laura Nakoneczny, a spokeswoman for the association. "It represents price-gouging of the American public generally and college students in particular."

Thanks to the Internet, however, more and more individual students and college bookstores are starting to order textbooks from abroad — and a few entrepreneurs, Sarkis and his friends among them, have begun what are essentially arbitrage businesses to exploit the price differentials.

Snails, Desired for Beauty and Venom, May Be Threatened

THE NEW YORK TIMES

For centuries, cone snails have been objects of desire, their intricately patterned shells valued by collectors. More recently, the carnivorous snails have become prized for something else: their potent mix of toxins, which biomedical researchers say hold promise in drug discovery and medical treatment.

But researchers are now warning that the world is in danger of losing cone snails to death. In a letter to the journal *Science*, three scientists say that collection practices for ornamental trade and medical research, coupled with habitat destruction through pollution and global climate change, pose an extinction threat to these animals. Without monitoring and controls on trade, they warn, many of the roughly 500 cone snail species could be lost before their value to humans is known.

"We're alarmed that we may be losing the genus that has more potential medicines than any other in nature," said Dr. Eric Chivian, an author of the letter and director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School.

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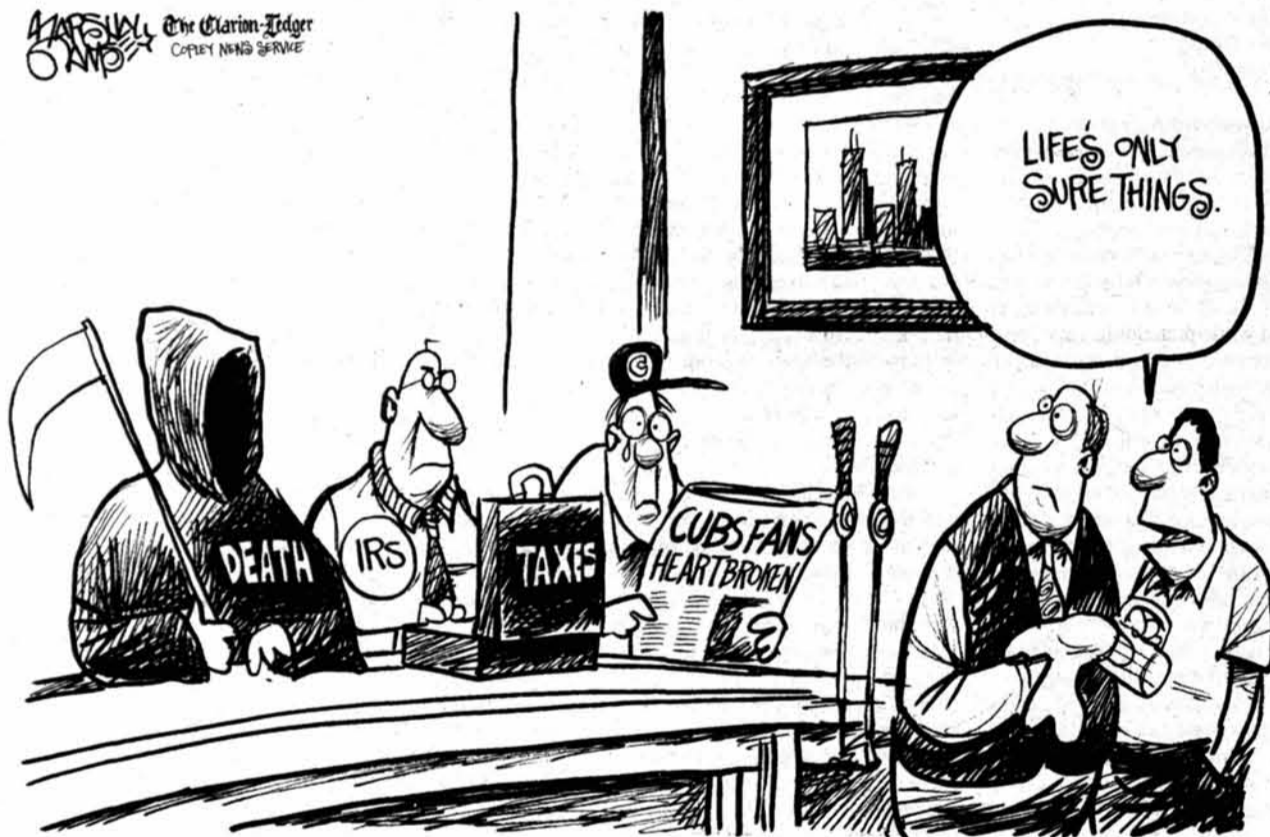
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Letter To The Editor

Overreaching Labels?

To the Editor:

Ms. Sassa's friend's observations about the Muslim Student's Association in the last paragraphs of her review are misguided ["Food for Thought," Oct. 14]. Whereas it is true that "Muslim" and "Arab" are not interchangeable, that does not necessarily imply that they are mutually exclusive or adversarial. Ms. Sassa's friend arrogates to himself

the authority to define the tastes and sensitivities of people he labels as "Muslims." Counting head scarfs or "hijabs" is not the same as counting Muslims; Muslims were present despite Ms. Sassa's friend's inability to count them. This unhealthy obsession with appearances and over-eagerness to superficially classify and label people contributes to the hardships of all cultural minorities in the U.S., not just Muslim women.

Shihab Elborai G

Erratum

A Friday sports article ["Head of the Charles Info."] listed the incorrect name for the eighth seat of the varsity women's openweight boat. The rower in the eighth seat was Ruth C. Catallo CMI, not Ruth Davidson '07.

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Booze Isn't the Problem

Andrew C. Thomas

Too many recent events on campus this year have had alcohol as the central focus. I suppose that scrutinizing booze makes it easier than actually blaming people for the problems we face in the world, since we discover almost constantly that Band-Aid solutions often cover up misdiagnosed problems.

Along with cigarette smoke and religion, alcohol and its associated society are a part of our culture because of some seminal events thousands of years ago — someone burnt a substance by accident and it smelled good, someone asked why they were there (wherever there happened to be) and why a glass of juice tasted so funny after it had been left alone for too long, and why all of the above gave such pleasant sensations when they were first discovered. They also all ignited debates carried forth to this day.

There is no disagreement that alcohol contributes to both good and harm in the world. There is the inevitable short term feel-good gain of the buzz or drunkenness, but there is also the deadly car crash. Responsible drinking and group awareness help to reduce the negatives associated with it. Many lives, however, have been taken by irresponsible drunk drivers; many more are taken by alcoholism or the effects of alcohol abuse such as cirrhosis or other liver diseases. Does this mean that alcohol is inherently evil? Of course not.

Painkillers can be taken benignly but still cause addiction; lives are taken by irresponsible or poorly trained sober drivers far too often.

Since I was unable to control the national change in the 1980s, and since I lack a vote in the current government, there is little I can do but shake my head in amazement. The whole idea of the drinking age is a first-order approximation to suggest (falsely, I believe) that age and responsibility are somehow directly correlated. But irresponsibility with alcohol is found across the planet, no matter what the drinking age, from the official, blackmailed American age of 21 to the observed French age of one.

I strongly believe that nothing can be truly taught, not physics nor bike riding, and that everything we think of as education is based on experience and guidance. Alcohol is no different; how many times have friends said "never again" after a long night at a party followed by a long nauseating morning in bed?

Still, I hope that it takes less than a painful experience to demonstrate to the masses what responsible use of alcohol is. We cannot possibly train everyone to avoid all negative effects of alcohol, especially routine hangovers, but we can certainly reduce the instance of dangerous drinking habits or DUI charges as a society.

I find it a great shame that fraternities are inexorably linked to alcohol, as if they were the only places where drinkers live. But

groups of guys living together make trouble no matter whether they wear Greek letters or brand names across their chests, and certainly do not need alcohol.

As social organizations of young men, fraternities are invariably high risk zones for alcohol abuse. The recent punishment of TDC for recent violations, some involving alcohol, does include an educational component, which appears to be a positive sign of things to come. However, the picture that I'm sure comes to the minds of most of this education consists of first listening to lectures by professionals, then a repetition of these lessons to an equally disinterested crowd.

Alcohol is a key economic and social component of our society, and will be for the long foreseeable future. We cannot possibly hope to remove all instances of abuse, nor can we hope to find the magic bullet solution that will reduce these instances in one shot. Barring the construction of "vomitoria" on campus to demonstrate firsthand the negative symptoms caused by alcohol abuse, the only effective educational tools will be those that make people feel responsible for their actions.

Homer Simpson believes that alcohol makes baseball a more interesting game to watch, and that it is the cause of, and solution to, all of life's problems. When we stop thinking of alcohol in such narrow terms, maybe we will get a little more collective experience — and spare at least one campus janitor the pain of cleaning up a mess the next morning.

At the Halfway Point

Eun J. Lee

It's that time of year again. No, sorry, it's not your birthday. It's mid-October, and the world is in an eerie limbo.

Fall break was only last week, but now it feels like years have passed since you saw your visiting long-distance honey. You dropped him off at the airport on Tuesday morning with a tearful hug and kiss, and since then you've been scrambling like a chicken with its head cut off to catch up on work you missed while pretending your life didn't suck.

Parents' Weekend seems even more distant as you trudge back through the Infinite alone and reheat the cold leftovers your mom made for you before she left. You go back to class, and after getting lost within the first five minutes of lecture, you realize that your professor actually was, in his own struggling incoherently nerdy way, trying to make last week's lectures more understandable for your parents.

Now all the pretense is gone. Yes, it is the worst time of the year. Sorry kid, but your mommy isn't here anymore to help you. It's a time of year that I like to call "Facktober" (yes, that's an "a." There's no need to be crude here. We all know what it really means.)

Facktober is a period of time that makes MIT the place that we all know and love. They don't talk about it in the admissions presentations or on the campus tours, but if you think back to when you were a starry-eyed high schooler, you might remember seeing subtle signs of Facktober, like the faint crying you thought you heard walking along the Infinite, or why the tour guide sprayed Glade freshener as you walked past an Athena cluster.

For you freshmen, these feelings of deep hate towards yourself and the world might be new to you. You are scared because you do not understand why you are pretending not to see people you know as you walk down the Infinite. You torpidly stare down at the ground, and you've given up all efforts at looking cute or even bathing.

Don't be scared, though. I know you

might be confused, but knowing is half the battle. Be assured that your odd behavior only means that you are normal, and even more surprisingly, that your soul has not died yet. Listen to me — we'll get you through this together. OK, let me clarify and not be accused of false advertising. I won't be there for you on those hopeless nights when the tonnage of manure produced by the state of Wisconsin's entire population of cows hits the industrial strength turbine in the MIT wind tunnel — that's what Nightline is for. However, I will give you some advice within the span of these few hundred words from a seasoned veteran.

There are many reasons why this is the time of year that upperclassmen have nightmares about during better, happier times. It's the looming feeling you got on fall Registration Day. It's what you subconsciously dreaded at those times over the summer when you told people in some other geographic location about MIT and couldn't exactly pinpoint where that hateful feeling at the thought of coming back came from.

But if you sit back and think about it, what makes this time of year so bad? Perhaps it is the anticipation of the impending doom of the coming, never-ending winter. Every nice fall day is poetically bittersweet. You are torn between the options of frolicking, romping through the rainbow of leaves in the setting autumn sun, or crawling up into a ball in the corner of your room wrapped in your electrical blanket with a iced tea and vodka-filled Nalgene bottle.

Also, unlike the spring term, there is little end in sight during the fall. After daylight savings, you can go days without seeing natural sunlight. In moments of desperation, you flip forward in your academic planner. Your heart sinks as you realize that your jumbo paper clip is maybe only one-sixth of the way through the book, and you're only on problem set five of 15.

But not to worry, my little Padawan. This, too, shall pass. I'm not saying it won't be painful, but you'll get through this. Here are tips that can help you stay sane along the way.

The first rule of Facktober is there is no

Facktober. Don't call home. Alright, I know that's impossible because those parental units love you so damn much that you often feel suffocated to the point that you can't breathe and want to go postal whenever you see some old Asian couple staring at you like a laboratory animal, gawking and pointing at you as they finish their Chinatown bus tour at the women's bathroom along the Infinite just as your bladder is about to explode... Sorry, I digress. I mean to say, man, I love old Asian people.

Anyway, talking to your parents about how you spent all day working on a problem set in a musty Athena cluster, ate dry ramen noodles for dinner, and have no will to live will make your parents freak out and make you feel sorry for yourself. Also your parents will harp on your miserable lifestyle, calling you while you are working to check and see if everything is okay, further keeping you from getting your work done. In other words, grow some sack, man.

Second, you need to bathe. Trust me. Even if you took a shower today already, take another one to wash off the stench of failure after you bombed your 8.01 test. It will make you feel better. Also, looking and smelling like crap is not going to help you stop feeling like crap.

Third, find God. I'm not advocating any organized religion in particular here. You can read "God" to mean any deity you may feel a rapport with, in whatever religion you choose. It's nice to know that someone is rooting for you upstairs and that certain things are beyond your control. Keep in mind that you and MIT are only a minuscule part of the universe. You may fail a test, but what does that really mean in the grand scheme of things? It's important to keep in perspective what's really important in your life. If you think about it, one test does not define you as a person. So buck up, cowboy. Things aren't so bad.

And once you've gone through the progression of emotions in mourning the loss of your self-respect, there is only one feeling at the end — acceptance that while your soul may belong to God, your ass is property of MIT.

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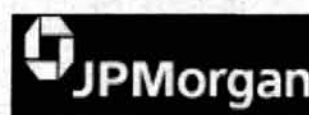
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CONCERT REVIEW

Jazz, Dance Highlight Annual Concert

Wind Ensemble and Festival Jazz Ensemble Deliver Engaging Performances for Family Weekend

By Bogdan Fedeles

STAFF WRITER

Jazzphonic Dances

MIT Wind Ensemble and MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble

Frederick Harris, conductor
Kresge Auditorium

Oct. 17, 8 p.m.

It is Family Weekend, and the parents are here. Nervosity, joy, excitement are so common for anyone receiving guests. And more than that, an audience filled with relatives and friends is a fantastic catalyst for any performer. It so happened that last Friday, MIT Wind Ensemble and MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble delivered their first concert of the year in front of an enthusiastic crowd of parents. The result? Nervosity, joy, excitement.

Under the appealing theme of "Jazzphonic Dances," director Frederick Harris brought together his two ensembles in a light-hearted, immediate and very enjoyable musical experience. The enthusiastic audience responded with standing ovations at the end of each half. Good music that the audience enjoyed: this is the recipe for a good concert.

In the first half, MIT Wind Ensemble, sporting a refreshing bunch of new members along with some veterans, performed a selection of jazzy, festive music by Scott Joplin, John Chance, Dana Wilson, and Leonard Bernstein, together with the not-so-jazzy but oh-so-beautiful Copland's "Variations" from *Appalachian Spring*. In the absence of liner notes, the concert was punctuated by Harris's fun repartees about music, performers, and — why not? — the Boston Red Sox.

All performances were solid and engaging, even the more difficult ones. Joplin's "Combination March," reminiscent of fanfare music, was loud but under control. Chance's "Incantation and Dance" showcased careful intonation, good rhythmic drive and splendid percussion work. The rhythmic stacks in the percussion section sustained a very descriptive and scenic music, momentarily transporting the audience in a distant world of tribal dances and incantations.

Exploring the same theme, Wilson's "Dance of the New World" mixes the jazz of the 1960s with some influences from Stravinsky and Bartok. In spite of some muddier transitions, the wind ensemble convincingly replicated Wilson's world of "ethnicities," showing a good control of dynamics and balance. The Stravinskian episode featuring the solo soprano saxophone of Jordan K. Fabyanske '06 was especially good.

Copland's "Variations on a Shaker Melody" from *Appalachian Spring* was a welcome respite in the middle of the jazzy agitation. The serene flow of the obsessively simple tune reminded me more of snow and winter holidays, but I believe there's plenty of

snow during the spring in the Appalachians. The good clarinet solo of Daniel L. Steele '06 is worth singling out, together with the powerful tutti sonority of the last variation, happily dominated in part by the French horns.

Bernstein's "Slava!" (Glory) came as an open tribute to all the families in the audience, the festive music unfolding with passion and enthusiasm. And although the piece seemed to stumble at times, the players' fervor, as well as the glorious shout at the end, won the audience and concluded the Wind Ensemble's very good first half.

The second half of the concert featured the MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble, giving their take on music by jazz legends like Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, and Herbie Hancock, together with music by Hoagy Carmichael, Johnny Mercer, and Don Menza. You don't need to be a jazz aficionado to appreciate and love this music, and the Festival Jazz Ensemble clearly proved this point by delivering an accessible performance, with innovative solos and good ensemble work, in spite of the shortcomings in balance between the amplified and

non-amplified instruments.

Gillespie's "Woody'n' You" opened the program, introducing the audience to the jazz world of the 1950s. In Mike Tomaro's arrangement, we didn't get a trumpet solo, but we did get a good piano solo (Drew T. Werner '04) and an exciting tenor sax solo (Alex M. Mekelburg '04) that conveyed very well the intensity and humor of the piece.

"Skylark," by Carmichael and Mercer, constituted the contrasting piece in the program, with its languorous and lamenting sonorities. The long solos on the piano were ably answered by the alto sax (Erik C. Allen G), contouring the surreal world suggested by the title. "Tribute to Miles" followed, a potpourri of some of Miles Davis' most famous pieces, including "So What," "Milestones," and "Seven Steps to Heaven." The transitions between pieces featured sparkling solos for trombone (Daniel M. Halperin '04), piano (Werner), alto sax (Alexander D. McMath '07) and drums (Ethan A. Post '06). Davis' tendencies towards fusion jazz were well highlighted in this piece, the ensemble dis-

playing a careful composite sound, both through balance between registers and between contrasting sections of the piece.

Herbie Hancock's ultra-engaging "Wiggle Waggle" followed naturally Davis' music. (Hancock has been one of Davis' most famous students and collaborators). The dance-like qualities of Hancock's music surfaced with ease, given a careful performance, driven and intense.

Remarkable solos here included piano (Werner), tenor sax (Mekelburg), guitar (Matthew L. Cohen G), and an alto sax-trombone solo duet (McMath and Halperin).

And of course, "all jazz ends with the blues," as the last piece, Menza's "Groove Blues," took off with even more enthusiasm. And although blues, the piece was light and happy, with a potential for uplifting spirits, therefore promptly dedicated by Harris "to our Shakespearean Red Sox." The exciting performance of the blues offered by the Jazz Ensemble went even beyond that, the exuberance of the finale sending the large audience of the evening into catharsis.



JIANWEN GU—THE TECH

Erik C. Allen G plays an alto saxophone solo during the Festival Jazz Ensemble portion of the annual Family Weekend concert held in Kresge Auditorium on Friday. The MIT Wind Ensemble and FJE, both under the direction of Frederick E. Harris, Jr., were well-received by the audience.

Before last weekend, the only thing he'd ever burned was a CD.

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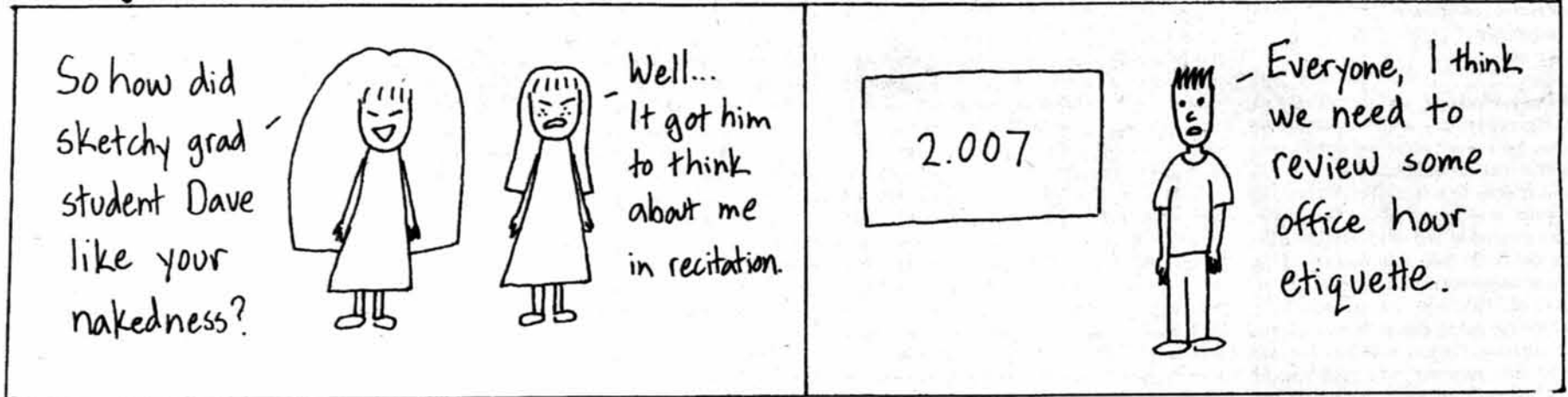
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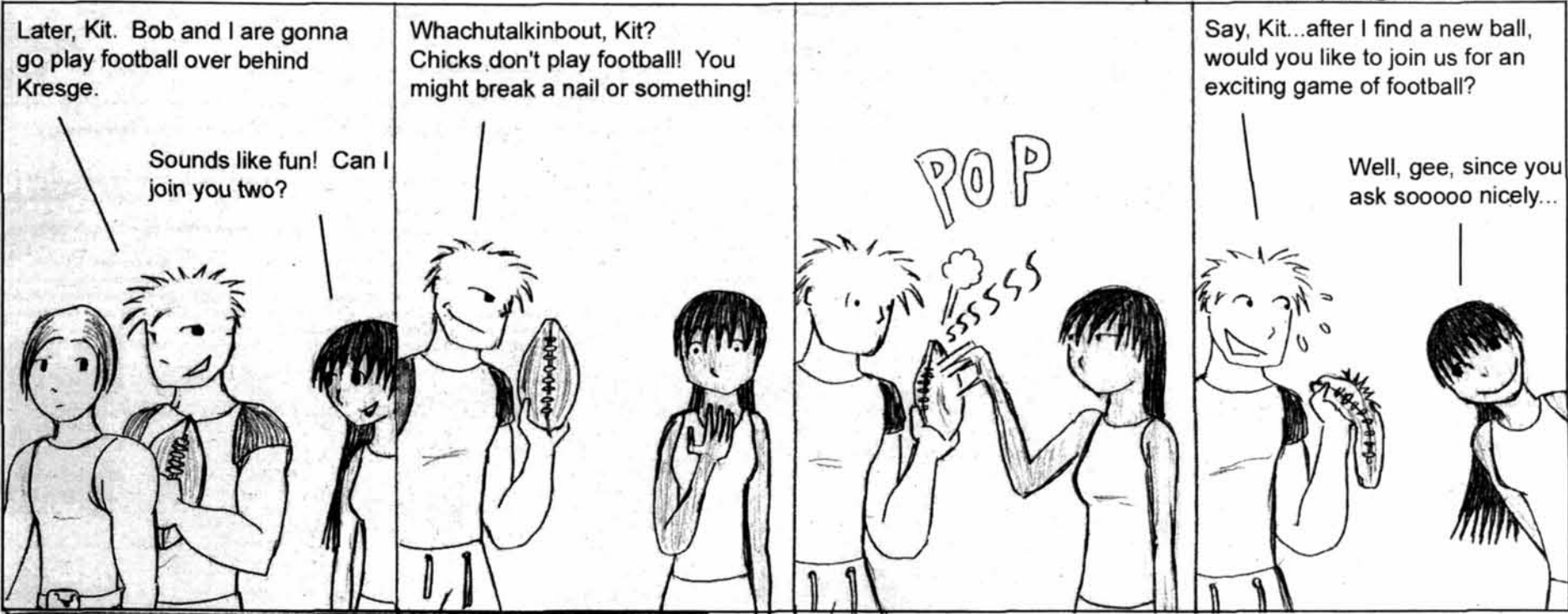
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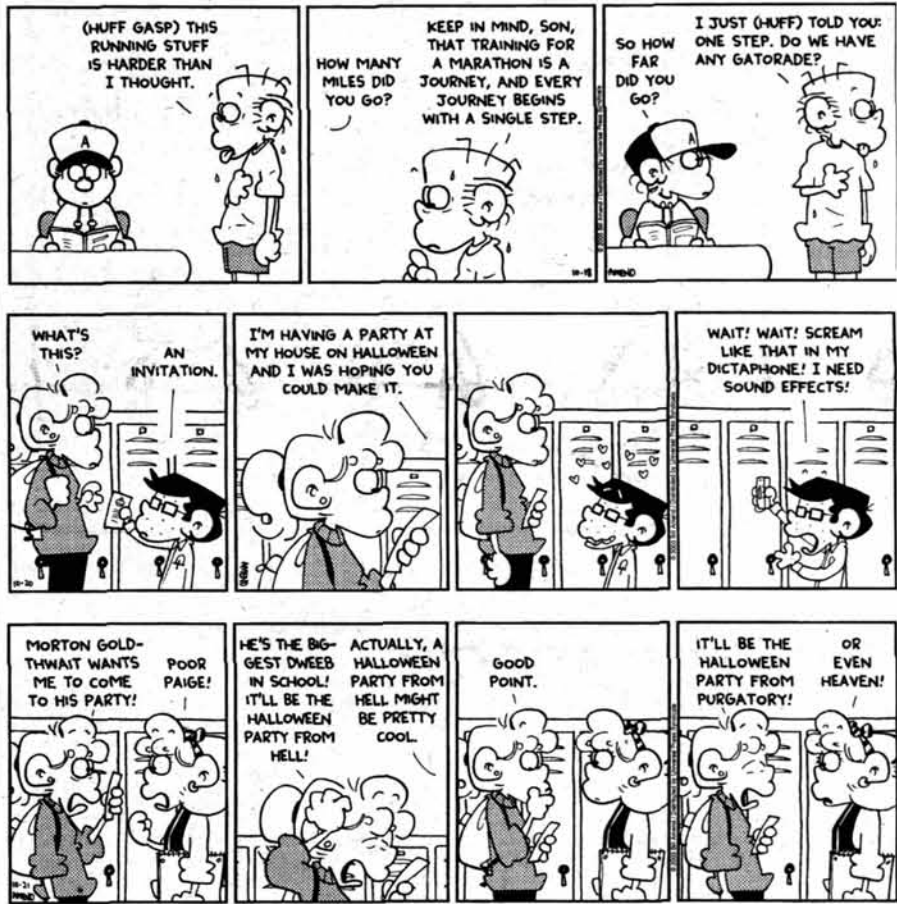
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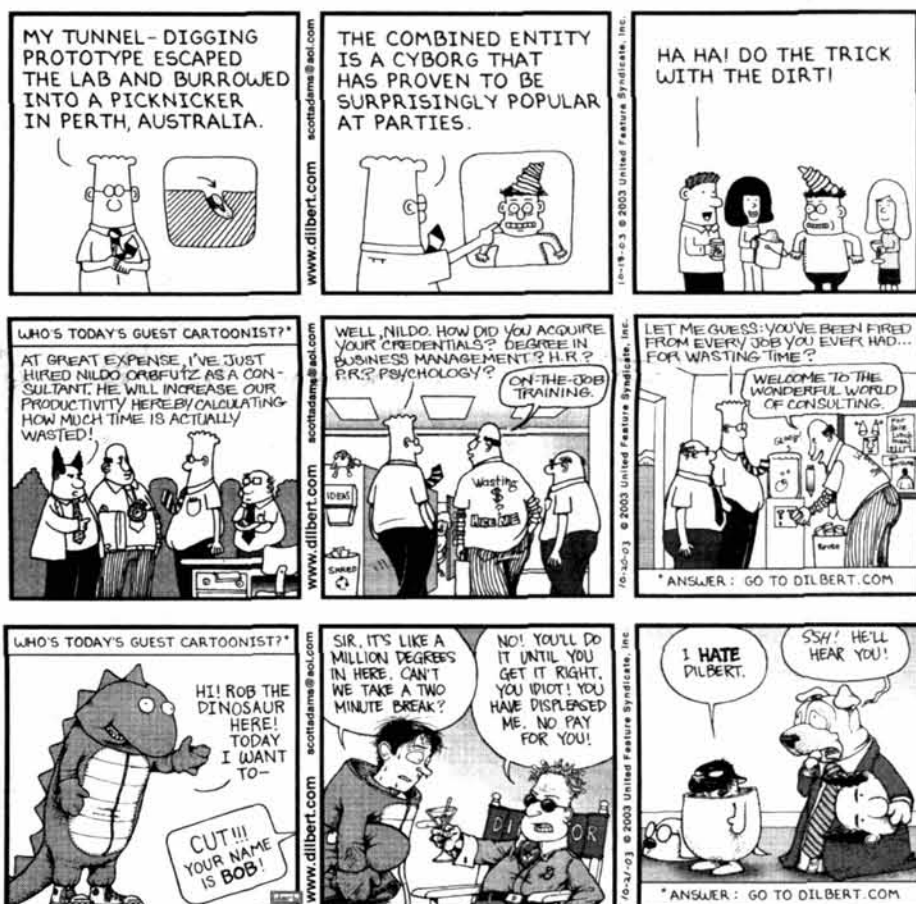
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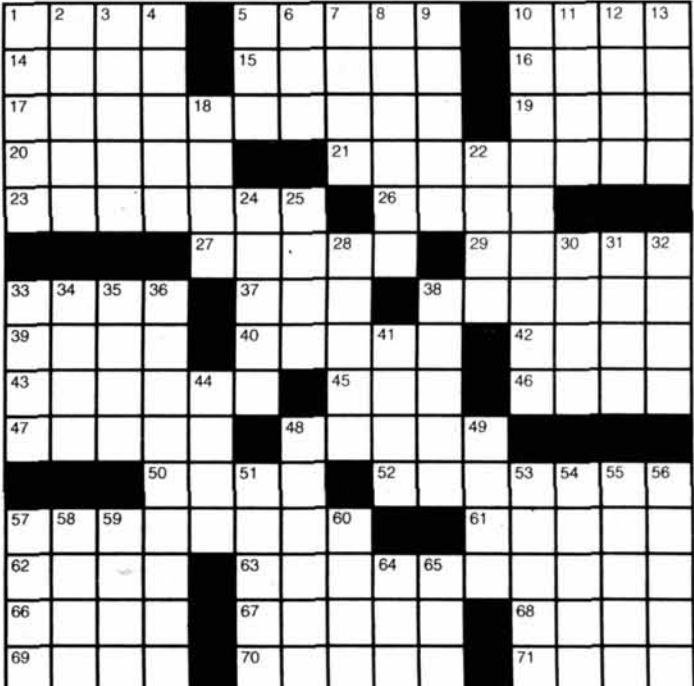
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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – The Role of Microcredit in Conflict Displacement Prevention: A Case Study in Cameroon. Stacy Heen of Tufts University will present her research project, “The Role of Microcredit in Conflict Displacement Prevention: A Case Study in Cameroon.” Bag lunch provided with RSVP. Free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Center for International Studies. Mellon-MIT Program on NGOs and Forced Migration.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Modern Optics and Spectroscopy. Lecture series. Free and refreshments will be served. Room: 34-401. Sponsor: Spectroscopy Laboratory.

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2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Dynamics of Viscoplastic Films. Free. Room: Building 2, Room 2-338. Sponsor: Physical Mathematics Seminar.

2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – MITea Time — Culture Exchange — English Chinese Class. Our free English class is good for newcomers to get start their English conversations in a very friendly environment. It is also good for people who have interest on learning the American culture, American lifestyles, etc. Lots of interesting topics and discussions will be a good start for your English learning. Feel free to come and have wonderful discussions with our native English-speakers teachers. Refreshments will be served. Free. Room: 5-134. Sponsor: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, GSC Funding Board. MIT CSSA & GSC.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Exit, Voice, and Family Policy: Japan's Efforts to Convince Women to Work and Have Children, Too. Free. Room: E38, 7th Floor Conference Room. Sponsor: MIT Japan Program, Center for International Studies.

3:30 p.m. – Varsity Women's Soccer vs. Wheaton. Free. Room: Steinbrenner Stadium.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – MTL VLSI Seminar Series. Electronic Transport in Semiconducting Carbon Nanotube Transistor Devices . Free. Room: 50 Vassar St. 34-101. Sponsor: MTL VLSI Seminar.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Nuclear Theory Seminar. Factorization in color-suppressed B to D pi decays. Free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Army Nanotechnology Seminar: “Progress Toward Self-Decontaminating Fabric Systems for Chem/Bio Protective Clothing.” Free. Room: Building NE47, 1st floor seminar room. Sponsor: Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies.

4:00 p.m. – MIT Astrophysics Colloquium: Fabrizio Nicastro. The Warm Hot Intergalactic Medium. Free. Room: Marlar Lounge, Room 37-252. Sponsor: Astrophysics.

4:30 p.m. – Emile Bustani Middle East Seminar. “New Arab Media: More Professional or Free? A War of Narratives Goes Global.” Free. Room: E51-095. Sponsor: Center for International Studies.

4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Rainbow Lounge Open. MIT’s resource lounge for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, and questioning members of the community offers a place to hang out, various activities, and a lending library during its open hours. Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@mit.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – ‘If Iola Were a Man:’ The Sexual Politics of Ida B. Wells. Sahin Lecture. Free. Room: Room 2-105. Sponsor: History Office.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Diversity Across Science and Engineering Disciplines: A Women in Science Lecture. Dr. Donna Nelson is an associate professor of chemistry at the University of Oklahoma; she is the only female faculty to have completed six years in her department to date. Dr. Nelson conducted a Survey on Women and Minority Faculty in Science and Engineering where she researched the “top 50” departments in each of various science and engineering disciplines. Her research reveals under-utilization of females and minorities, compared to their PhD attainment in the analogous discipline. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Women’s Studies Program.

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – Resumes for International Students. This workshop is specifically geared to international students interested in learning the fundamentals of creating strategic resumes, CVs, and cover letters. All workshops require pre-registration. Register for workshops at <http://web.mit.edu/career/www/services/workshops.html> and choose Calendar of Workshops. Free. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Law School Essay Workshop. This workshop is geared to assist students in writing their personal statement or essay for law school applications. Registration for this workshop will be posted in September. Free. Room: 2-131. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – the mit e-club weekly tuesday meeting, the regular weekly tuesday meeting of the mit entrepreneurs club, aka: the e-club, an mit service organization, where students, faculty, staff and alum gather to pitch, hear, critique and discuss their new science and technology start-up ideas, network, build 50k or independent founders’ teams, and more; stay for our mit 6-credit seminar sem.095 on tech start-ups. Free. Room: 56-114. Sponsor: Entrepreneurs Club.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Tuesday Evening Toastmasters @ MIT: Weekly Club Meeting. At Toastmasters, members learn by speaking to groups and working with others in a supportive environment. Typical meeting consists of Prepared Speech sessions (2-3 members present speeches based on projects from the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Program manuals), Table Topics sessions (Members present 1-to-2-minute impromptu speeches on assigned topics), and Evaluation sessions (Every prepared speaker is assigned an evaluator who points out speech strengths and offers suggestions for improvement). Guests are welcome. Free. Room: 2-147. Sponsor: Tuesday Evening Toastmasters @ MIT.

6:30 p.m. – “Meditations: New Projects.” Seventeenth Century Arthur H. Schein Memorial Lecture by Ricardo Legoretta, architect, Mexico City. Free. Room: Rm 10-250. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Graduate Student News Meeting. Free. Room: 50-220 (Walker Memorial). Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Historical Aspects of the Nobel Prizes. October 21: No Prize for Technology: Alfred Nobel’s Views on Science and Technology. Free. Room: E51-275. Sponsor: STS.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. – LBGT and Questioning Student Support Group. Bi-weekly discussions on topics you want to talk about. Support for all LBGT and questioning undergraduate and graduate students — not just for coming out. Safe and confidential! Travis Wright and Chandra Mincher from Student Life Programs will facilitate a focused, topic-based support group. It is asked that individuals plan to stay for the full session. Free. Room: 5-104. Sponsor: lbgt@mit, Women’s Studies Program, Student Life Programs, Counseling and Support Services, MIT Medical.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – GSC/S-P Arts Class series. Arts class for all levels. Drawing and painting. Five dollars. Room: Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence. Sponsor: Sidney-Pacific House Council, GSC Activities, ARCADE.

9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – LIVEmusic@theEAR: Pablo Picker. Pablo Picker is a carpenter by day, soulful musician by night. Influenced by his Chilean roots, Pablo’s clear voice and melodic guitar will lure you in and make you smile. Visit www.pablosound.com for more information. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – Night out at McGann’s. Outing to McGann’s, an Irish Pub in North Station. Free. Room: McGann’s. Sponsor: Hibernian Society.

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. – Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Optics & Quantum Electronics Seminar. Enabling Technologies for 40 Gb/s Systems. Free. Room: 38-401B, Grier Room B. Sponsor: Optics.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Artists Behind the Desk Program. Ballroom dancing by Margaret Wong, Web technologies consultant, Information Systems/Web Communications Services. Funded in part by the Council for the Arts at MIT and the Working Group on Support Staff Issues. Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Artists Behind the Desk.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – GAME Luncheon Seminar Series. Two Mechanical Engineering grads each give a 25 minute talk on their research. Lunch is provided. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – The Role of the Military in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Current Issues and Challenges in Afghanistan and Iraq. Brown bag lunch. Free. Room: E38-615. Sponsor: Center for International Studies, Security Studies Program.

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – PLC Toastmasters Meeting. Free. Room: W89 (Professional Learning Center), Room 305. Sponsor: Toastmasters, MIT Organization and Employee Development, Human Resources.

2:00 p.m. – Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – String Theory Seminar. Fake supergravity and domain wall stability. Free. Room: Center for Theoretical Physics. Sponsor: Laboratory for Nuclear Science.

2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Spouses & Partners@mit weekly meeting: First Year of Marriage. Come share your stories about your first year of marriage — the hopes, expectations, disappointments, funny and scary experiences. Feel free to share a story or just listen. Childcare provided. Free. Room: W20-400. Sponsor: spouses&partners@mit, MIT Medical.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – America—An Empire? The tenth annual Catherine N. Stratton Critical Issues Lecture presents a panel discussion with four eminent commentators on the role of the U.S. in international politics. Panelists include Stephen W. Bosworth, Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University; Michael Ignatieff, Carr, professor of the practice of human rights and director of the Carr Center of Human Rights Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; Arnold Kanter, principal and founding member of The Scowcroft Group, a consulting firm that advises and assists companies doing business in the international marketplace; and Enid C.B. Schoettle—a consultant on international organizations and global issues and special advisor to the chairman of the U.S. National Intelligence Council. Free. Room: Wong Auditorium, Tang Center (Building E51). Sponsor: MIT Women’s League.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – EPTF Speaker Series Presents Tony Cortese. Anthony Cortese ScD is President of Second Nature, a non-profit organization with a mission to catalyze a worldwide effort to make environmentally just and sustainable action a foundation of learning and practice at all educational levels. He is also a co-founder of the Education for Sustainability Western Network. Free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: Environmental Programs Task Force, The Environment at MIT Web site.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Polynomiality Properties of Kostka Numbers and Littlewood-Richardson Coefficients. Refreshments provided beforehand. Free. Room: Room 2-338. Sponsor: Combinatorics Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – HR SAP Pension Payroll Test. Room: W92 - First floor. Sponsor: Financial Systems Services, FSS Quality Assurance Team.

5:10 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. – Worship Service (Holy Communion). All students, staff and faculty are welcome at our weekly worship service. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Prelaw Orientation. This workshop will provide students information on what law schools look for in an applicant and will review the application process. Registration for this event will be posted in September. Free. Room: 2-131. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study. Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Acts. Free. Room: 66-369. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

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6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Wednesday Night Dinner. Weekly dinner. Share a meal with a friend. For McCormick residents and friends on the guest list. \$6.50. Sponsor: McCormick Hall.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – Bi-weekly GaMIT Meeting. GaMIT’s bi-weekly meetings. Free. Sponsor: GaMIT.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Containment: Life After Three Mile Island. Screening of a documentary film about the impact of the 1979 Three Mile Island nuclear accident upon the nearby community of Middletown, PA. Followed by a discussion with the filmmakers. Free. Room: 4-370. Sponsor: Anthropology Program.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Bible Study. Weekly Bible study held by the Baptist Student Fellowship. Free. Sponsor: Baptist Student Fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – GSC AC NBA outing. Celtics vs. Minnesota. \$15 to \$18. Room: Fleet Ctr. Sponsor: GSC Activities.

7:00 p.m. – Kiki Smith at MIT: The 2003 Page Hazlegrove Lecturer in Glass Art. This year’s lecture will be given by New York-based artist Kiki Smith, whose work embraces a wide range of techniques and materials, including glass. A sculptor as well as an expert printmaker, Smith’s work has been featured in the Whitney Biennial several times, and is held in such major collections such as The Museum of Modern Art in New York. Free. Room: Wong Auditorium. Sponsor: Glass Lab.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – MIT \$50K Competition - Fall Social. Networking Party. Free. Room: Walker Memorial. Sponsor: MIT \$50K Entrepreneurship Competition.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – TMRC Build Time. These are our normal meeting times, when we build the layout! Free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

7:30 p.m. – Ham Radio Exams. This is the place to earn a new license or upgrade your existing license. Technician through Extra Class tests are offered. \$12. Room: TBD - See Signs @ 1-150. Sponsor: MIT Radio Society.

7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. – Swing Dancing Lesson. Intermediate/Advanced Swing. Free. Room: 2nd floor student center. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Israeli Folk Dancing (participatory). Israeli Folk Dancing Early Teaching at 8 p.m., followed by teaching and requests until 11 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. Family dancing usually occurs from 7–8 p.m. each week. Great for kids of ALL ages! To confirm family dancing for a given week, and for up-to-date announcements about each week’s dance, see our Yahoo Group. Free for MIT students; donations welcome. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Weekly Wednesdays. Free wings and an assortment of vegetables, sponsored by various departments, residences and affinity groups, are provided in the Muddy Charles Pub for graduate students to enjoy while catching up with friends and making making new ones. Free. Room: The Muddy Charles Pub. Sponsor: GSC Activities.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – IFILM Film Seminar. Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. Light refreshments provided. More information (including movie titles) on our Web site. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – MOST’s New Students Study Break. Welcome reception for the new members of MOST. Free. Room: Edgerton Hall Lounge. Sponsor: MIT Organization of Serbian Students (MOST), GSC Funding Board.

8:30 p.m. – Suburbia (1984). Directed by Penelope Speheris 94 min. Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: History, Theory and Criticism of Architecture and Art.

8:45 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – Swing Dancing. Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society, GSC Funding Board.

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Italian Cultural Hour. Presentation about Italy, Italian food, music, and pictures. Come discover what being Italian is all about! Free. Room: Sidney-Pacific Multipurpose Room (70 Pacific St). Sponsor: European Club, MIT, Sidney-Pacific House Council.

Thursday, October 23

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. – ITPartners Full Day Conference. The theme of this year’s conference is “Solution Showcase.” Free. Room: W89. Sponsor: Information Systems, MIT User Groups.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – HR SAP Pension Payroll Test. Room: W92 - First floor. Sponsor: Financial Systems Services, FSS Quality Assurance Team.

10:00 a.m. – Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – MIT/WHOI Joint Program Coffee-Donut-Bagel Hour. Room: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Student Center, 3rd Floor, Clark Laboratory South. Sponsor: WHOI Student Organization. GSC, EGSAC.

10:45 a.m. – Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. – MIT Chapel Concert: Alexey Shabalin, violin. Music of J. S. Bach. Free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – CEE Distinguished Seminar Series. Civil and Environmental Engineering Distinguished Seminar Series. Dr. Edward DeLong, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute — “Integrating Perspectives on the Natural Microbial World: From Nano-systems to Ecosystems.” Co-sponsored by Earth System Initiative and the Biological Engineering Division. Free. Room: 16-160. Sponsor: Earth System Initiative.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – English Bible Class. You are welcome to attend this free Bible class led by Barbara Beevers of Baptist Campus Ministry. International spouses are welcome especially, but open to all. Come practice English, ask questions and make friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Making a Difference with an MBA. Admissions representatives, Allison McCarty from Harvard Business School, Jennifer Ratay from Stanford’s Graduate School of Business and Julie Strong from the Sloan School of Management will provide an overview of the MBA education and experience, including the admissions process and how to prepare for it. Free. Room: Building 56-114 . Sponsor: Career Services Office.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Free Conversational English Class. International students, scholars and spouses are welcome to attend a free conversational English class. Come exchange culture, learn about American culture and holidays and make lasting friends. Free. Room: W11 Board Room. Sponsor: Baptist Campus Ministry.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers at Work! Free. Room: Women’s Lounge-Room 8-219. Sponsor: Weight Watchers.

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Rainbow Lounge Open. Free. Room: 50-306. Sponsor: lbgt@mit.

2:00 p.m. – Admissions Information Session. Free. Room: Admissions Reception Center. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Ross University School of Medicine Presentation. Presentation will discuss requisites of program, curriculum, faculty, and much more. Free. Room: Rm. 24-112. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

2:45 p.m. – Campus Tour. Free. Room: Lobby 7. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – InventioNible: Whispering Touch. Have your fingers ever been tickled by sugar, or scratched by satin? “Whispering Touch,” an interactive sculpture by a MIT researcher, amplifies even the smallest of tactile sensations, letting you explore your environment in completely new ways. Stop by to meet the inventors of “Whispering Touch,” and try it out for yourself. All ages. Free with MIT Museum admission. Room: MIT Museum. Sponsor: MIT Museum.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – “Writing Across the Curriculum: Theory, University Practice and Assessment of Outcomes.” Lecture on Communication Requirements: “How Do We Know They Work” by Edward M. White, professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of English, California State University, San Bernardino; co-director, consultant-evaluator service, Council of Writing Program Administrators. Free. Room: Rm 1-190. Sponsor: Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies. School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – MIT Atmospheric Science Seminars. “Dynamics of Coherent Jets in Turbulent Flows.” Free. Room: 54-915. Sponsor: MIT Atmospheric Science Seminars.

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – Physics Colloquium Series: Looking for a New Angle on CP Violation. The Physics community is invited to enjoy light refreshments in the Lobby of building 6 prior to the lecture at 3:45 p.m. Free. Room: 6-120. Sponsor: Physics Department.

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. – Equilibrium Prices in Markets Modeled with Mixed Integer Programs. Operations Research Center Fall Seminar Series. Seminar reception immediately following in the Philip M. Morse Reading Room, E40-106. Free. Room: E40-298. Sponsor: Operations Research Center.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Grad Student Bible Study for Absolute Beginners. Weekly informal Bible study for grad students; refreshments provided; lght welcome. Free. Room: W11-007. Sponsor: Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – Duke University School of Medicine Information Session. Duke University Admissions Representative will discuss the admissions process to the School of Medicine, provide an overview of their program, and answer student questions. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: Career Services Office.

6:00 p.m. – Alternative Careers in Finance and Investment Banking: Exploring Information Technology. Pizza will be served at 5:45 p.m. Free. Room: 4-370. Sponsor: Science and Engineering Business Club, GSC Funding Board.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – RingLink. TechLink and GSC celebrate the unveiling of a new ring - the Grad Rat. The new ring has been designed to reflect the collective graduate experience at MIT through multiple images and icons. Free Food and beverages (with age ID). Free. Room: Walker Memorial. Sponsor: Techlink.

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – The Science and Engineering of Effective Management. Have you ever thought to yourself, “Everyone’s working hard. We come in early and stay late. So why are we still missing our deadlines? We have a good team. We get a lot done. So why aren’t our internal customers more satisfied?” Or even, “I’m a scientist, not a people-person. If I’d wanted to manage people, I’d have studied business or some other fuzzy field!” You are in luck. Effective management can be reliably constructed from a few simple components. This is not management by guesswork. It is management by design: the engineering of effective management. Robert Dunham has spent 20 years teaching and refining this discipline. Join us for the evening and find out what really constructs results. On-site payment for WEST members: \$30, for Non-members \$40. Prepayment: \$10 discount. Room: Reservoir Place, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 205 Waltham, MA 02451. Sponsor: Women Entrepreneur in Science and Technology.

6:30 p.m. – authors@mit - Lester Thurow - “Fortune Favors the Bold.” Please join us as bestselling author and renowned MIT economist Lester Thurow argues forcefully that globalization is not a done deal and we must act now if we are to create a new global economy in which all can prosper. Today, he explains, we are at a critical crossroads in the development of the global economy. We can sit back and let it grow as it will, or we can seize the moment and build economic systems that will minimize instability, allow second and third world countries to thrive, and protect and enhance our own American interests. In short, a win/win global economy that benefits all participants. Lester C. Thurow is Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Professor of Management and Economics. Free. Room: E25-111. Sponsor: The MIT Press Bookstore, MIT Libraries.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – BITAG Fasttrack. Meeting of the BITAG Fasttrack group. Free. Room: E51-372. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Graduate Christian Fellowship Bible Study. Come join us for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship! We are currently studying the book of Ephesians. Free. Room: W11-080. Sponsor: Graduate Christian Fellowship, GSC Funding Board.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – “An evening with authors Shirley Geok-lin Lim, Nora Okja Keller and Jessica Hagedorn.” Part of the weekend long symposium titled “Beyond U.S. Multiculturalism? Asian Diasporas and New Transnational Cultures.” Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Foreign Languages & Literatures. Center for Bilingual/Bicultural Studies, Women’s Studies, Literature, Program in Writing and Humanistic Studies.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Space Exploration: The Next 100 Years. A panel discussion looking at the next 100 years of space exploration. Speakers will include author Andrew Chaiken (“A Man on the Moon”); Supriya Chakrabarti, Director of Boston University’s Center for Space Physics. Dava Newman, from MIT’s Aero/Astro Department, will moderate. An informal buffet dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the lobby of 34-101. Free. Room: 34-101. Sponsor: AeroAstro, MIT Museum, The Technology and Culture Forum at MIT.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Chess Club Meeting. A prominent player of the club will talk about some ideas in the opening. Then it will be designated time for play! Free. Room: Student Center, PDR 1&2. Sponsor: Chess Club.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – IFILM Film Seminar. Free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club, GSC Funding Board.

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Underwater Hockey. The MIT SCUBA Club invites all to participate in Underwater Hockey. Underwater Hockey is an exciting co-ed sport played at the bottom of a pool with a short stick and a lead puck. Free. Room: z-pool. Sponsor: Scuba Club, GSC Funding Board. Scuba Club, Undergraduate Association.

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – Coffee Hour. Food and drink - an Ashdown tradition. Free. Room: Hulsizer Room (W1). Sponsor: Ash-down House.

10:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. – Movie Night. Movie and food - free for all! Free. Room: Big TV Room (W1). Sponsor: Ashdown House.

11:59 p.m. – Campus Disc Golf. Do you like tossing a disc? Do you enjoy friendly competition? Or if you’re just up for midnight antics, then come on out! Meet outside the Student Center on the front steps, and don’t forget to bring a disc! Don’t hesitate to come, newcomers are always welcomed - We meet every Thursday at midnight. Questions, contact Daniel Turek, macgyver@mit.edu. bring your own disc! Room: Student Center steps. Sponsor: Campus Disc Golf.

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FAQ: colds and flu

Q what are colds and flu?

Flu symptoms come on rapidly and include generalized aches and pains, severe muscle aches, high fever, chills, headache, and sometimes vomiting.

In contrast, cold symptoms usually appear gradually over the course of a few days and may include runny or stuffy nose, headache, cough, scratchy or sore throat, swollen glands, congested ears, and sometimes a low-grade fever, chills, and mild muscle aches.

What colds and flu have in common, says MIT Medical internist David Shein, M.D., is that they are both caused by viruses, so they don't respond to antibiotics. "Taking antibiotics for a viral illness puts patients at risk for antibiotic-related side effects," he emphasizes, "and with zero potential for any benefit."

Q how should I treat colds and flu?

"Unfortunately," says Lynn Forgues, R.N., triage nurse for MIT Medical's Urgent Care Service, "we can't make colds or flu just go away. But over-the-counter medicines may relieve symptoms."

- Antihistamines (e.g., Benadryl and non-sedating Claritin) may relieve nasal drip, but can cause drying of mucous membranes.
- Nasal cromolyn (Nasalcrom) relieves symptoms in the last few days of a cold that includes a runny nose.
- Decongestants (e.g., Sudafed) may relieve sinus pressure and ear blockage.
- Ibuprofen (e.g., Advil and Motrin) or acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol) may relieve muscle aches and fever.

And drink plenty of fluids, Forgues adds. "If you have nasal congestion, liquids will thin and loosen the mucus, which keeps it draining. You also need extra liquids to replace the fluids you lose from coughing or mouth breathing."

Q when do I need to see a clinician?

In general, say Shein and Forgues, you should see a clinician if you have:

- a fever higher than 102 degrees for two or three days,
- nausea or vomiting and an inability to keep fluids down,
- significant respiratory symptoms, including a big cough, wheezing, or shortness of breath,
- a sore throat for more than two days, or a sore throat and fever, especially if you've been exposed to someone with strep throat, a bacterial infection that should be treated with antibiotics,
- dizziness,
- chest pain when breathing, or
- any other symptoms about which you are concerned.

Same-day appointments are usually available for patients who are sick, so mention that when you call your doctor. If your personal physician is not available, you may be able to see another clinician. No appointments are needed in the 24-hour Urgent Care Service, but sickest patients are given priority.



Most respiratory viral infections, like cold and flu, are spread when people touch contaminated objects—other individuals or surfaces that are harboring a virus. Colds and flu are very contagious, but frequent hand washing, and keeping your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth, can lessen your chances of becoming ill.

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"People usually think of therapy only as speaking to a trained professional, one on one, in absolute privacy," Prudent notes. "But so much of our development happens in a group context—within the family, in the classroom, or among our peers."

Groups provide a safe space where people can talk to each other respectfully and confidentially, Prudent emphasizes. And, she adds, groups are helpful even if you're not a big talker. "People share when they are ready," she explains. "In the meantime, they often find they can learn a lot from listening to others talk."

In groups, Prudent says, people don't just learn about themselves; they also learn how relationships work. "When you take a risk to reveal something about yourself, it is very powerful to feel accepted by regular people. As a therapist, it is especially moving to observe how quickly people in a therapy group develop this level of caring and respect for each other."

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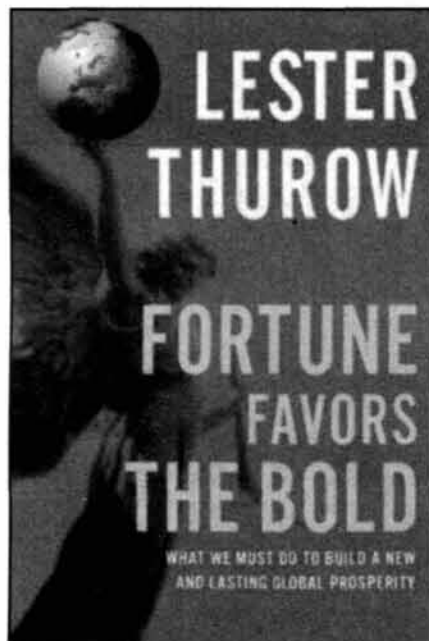
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Vest Criticizes 'Ghetto Party,' Speaks for Equal Opportunity

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Within a week, Vest said, MIT will announce a "very restrained salary situation" for MIT's 2004-2005 fiscal year. "We will not have salary cuts," he said.

"The effect is going to be about zero on the things you might be concerned about in student life," he said to students on the Senate.

The 2004-2005 fiscal year "is going to be a really tough year," he said. "We believe when we get through that, it's going to be a return to a climb upward," he said. But if the economy and MIT's return on its endowment does not improve, Vest said, undergraduates could be more directly affected.

MIT in strong position, Vest says

"I think the Institute is in a very strong and good position today," Vest said. "It has a lot of momentum."

Vest cited MIT's recent "enormous progress on improving the quality of our campus" — naming Simmons Hall; Sidney-Pacific; The Warehouse; the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center; the in-progress McGovern, Picower, and Stata Centers; and the on-hold expansions of

the Media Laboratory and the Sloan School of Management. "We will get there" on Sloan and the Media Lab, he said.

"Our research volume is growing very nicely," Vest said, and "we have been pretty darn successful in our fundraising."

"We're at \$1.7 billion right now," in MIT's \$2 billion Capital Campaign, Vest said. The "primary goals" of the remaining \$300 million will be "financial aid, graduate student supports," and "quality of campus facilities and life," he said.

Race is flashpoint for Vest, he says

In response to questions from senators, Vest discussed his condemnatory response to the "Ghetto Party" invitation sent to East Campus and Senior House student mailing lists two weeks ago.

The invitation, which employed racial stereotypes and has triggered controversy and forums on race relations, was sent to student-run East Campus and Senior House e-mail lists. The party organizers have apologized, saying they intended to make fun of gangster rappers, not to perpetuate stereotypes.

"Is race a flash point with Chuck Vest? Yes, it is," he said. "I grew up

in a border state, in West Virginia. I went to segregated schools until ninth grade."

As an engineer and professor, Vest has been "trying to give people an equal opportunity in this land, and frankly I get tired" of negative stereotyping, he said.

"I felt I had to challenge the type of rhetoric, the type of environment that was being created" by the party invitation, he said. "It was a personal decision and a personal statement," he said.

Harel M. Williams '05 asked Vest whether his comments would improperly influence any disciplinary procedures for the organizers.

"I'll have nothing to do with those processes if they play out," Vest said. "I don't know at any depth what rules may or may not have been broken."

"In a realistic sense, I don't think this is going to come to me," Vest said.

Emphasizing that he was not being sarcastic, Vest said his comments condemning the party invitation were unlikely to influence MIT's judicial processes. "I honestly don't think anybody's going to change what they do based on me," he said.

Solution to Crossword

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SAE Planning Party, Hopes to Buy House

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spring rush this school year, but it is "selectively recruiting" more members, said Adkisson.

Rogers said that buying and moving into a house will take between three to five years and would require at least twenty-five members.

In the meantime, SAE has been advertising a costume party at the Big Easy, co-sponsored with the Massachusetts Institute of Pharmacology.

The Boston University, Emerson, and Harvard chapters of SAE jointly hosted a successful party at the same location last month, said Adkisson. He said that he hopes this event will help "set our name out" and also provide the chapter with experience

in planning large social events.

Steps for IFC recognition

IFC recognition involves a number of rigorously outlined procedures. Groups must first submit a petition that includes a statement of purpose, a constitution, and a no-hazing pledge.

The IFC President's Council then votes on whether to award associate membership status to the group or not. Associate members are able to participate in IFC activities, but do not vote in the President's Council.

After another vote, a group can then become a probationary member for at least one academic term. The chapter is recognized as a fully-privileged member of the IFC after a final vote.

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Coffeehouse Events Organized

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"They didn't think the circumstances were right," Shen said.

Walsh also cited the newer dining options available on the first floor of the Student Center, as well as across campus, as main factors that may prevent a new business in the Coffeehouse space from becoming successful.

Space to hold Friday evening series

Walsh said that the Coffeehouse space will continue to serve as a lounge where students can meet, socialize, and study. The food service space will not operate on a consistent basis, but will not be eliminated.

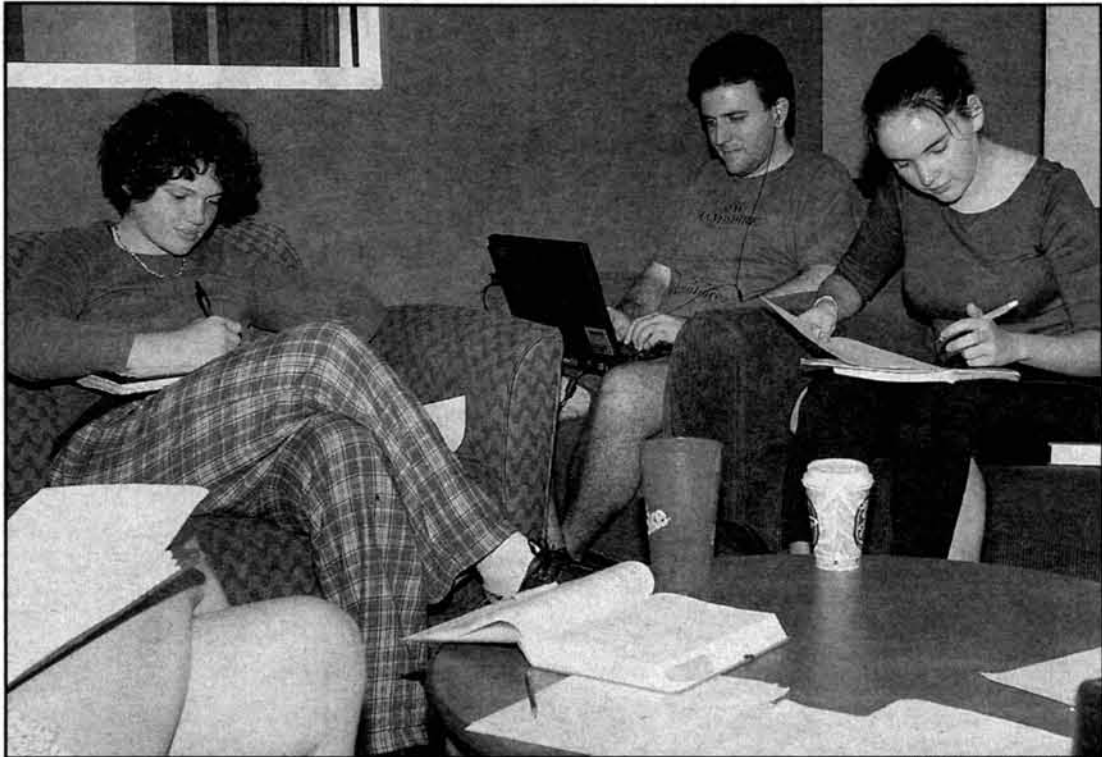
Walsh said that the "energy is to develop limited but consistent activity in the Coffeehouse." He said new business proposals will not likely be considered this year, but that the Coffeehouse space may undergo another evaluation in the fall of next year.

SaveTFP is organizing free events in the Coffeehouse on Friday nights. SaveTFP is a student group funded by MIT Medical and Community Development Substance Abuse programs devoted to "preserving and enhancing the good things about MIT," according to the group's Web site. The Undergraduate Association and the CAC are also collaborating on the project.

The current plan is for the Friday evening series to feature performing groups, poetry readings, comedy shows, open rehearsals, music, open mic nights, and other events, according to an e-mail recently sent to MIT performing group leaders by UA Dining Subcommittee Chair Reuben L. Cummings '04.

"We want to evolve the program in a way that's useful for the community," Walsh said.

Walsh said that it may take the whole year to get the Friday evening series up and running. However, he added that the next step is to create an event for Tuesday evenings that will be focused on the arts.



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Yamima Eadan '05, Paul H. Elliott G., and Joelle Brichard '05 work on 18.701 and 18.437 in the Coffeehouse on the third floor of the Student Center. The Coffeehouse is a popular place for teaching assistants to hold office hours and study sessions.

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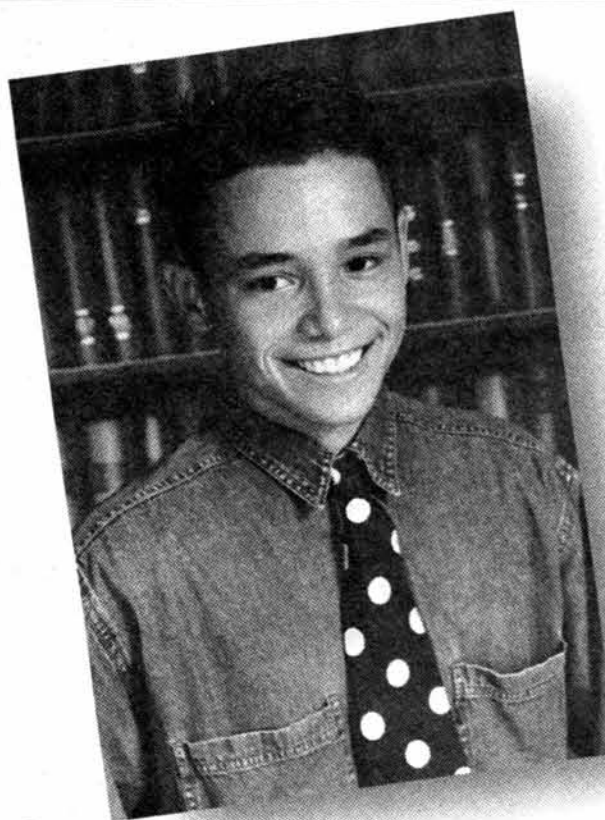
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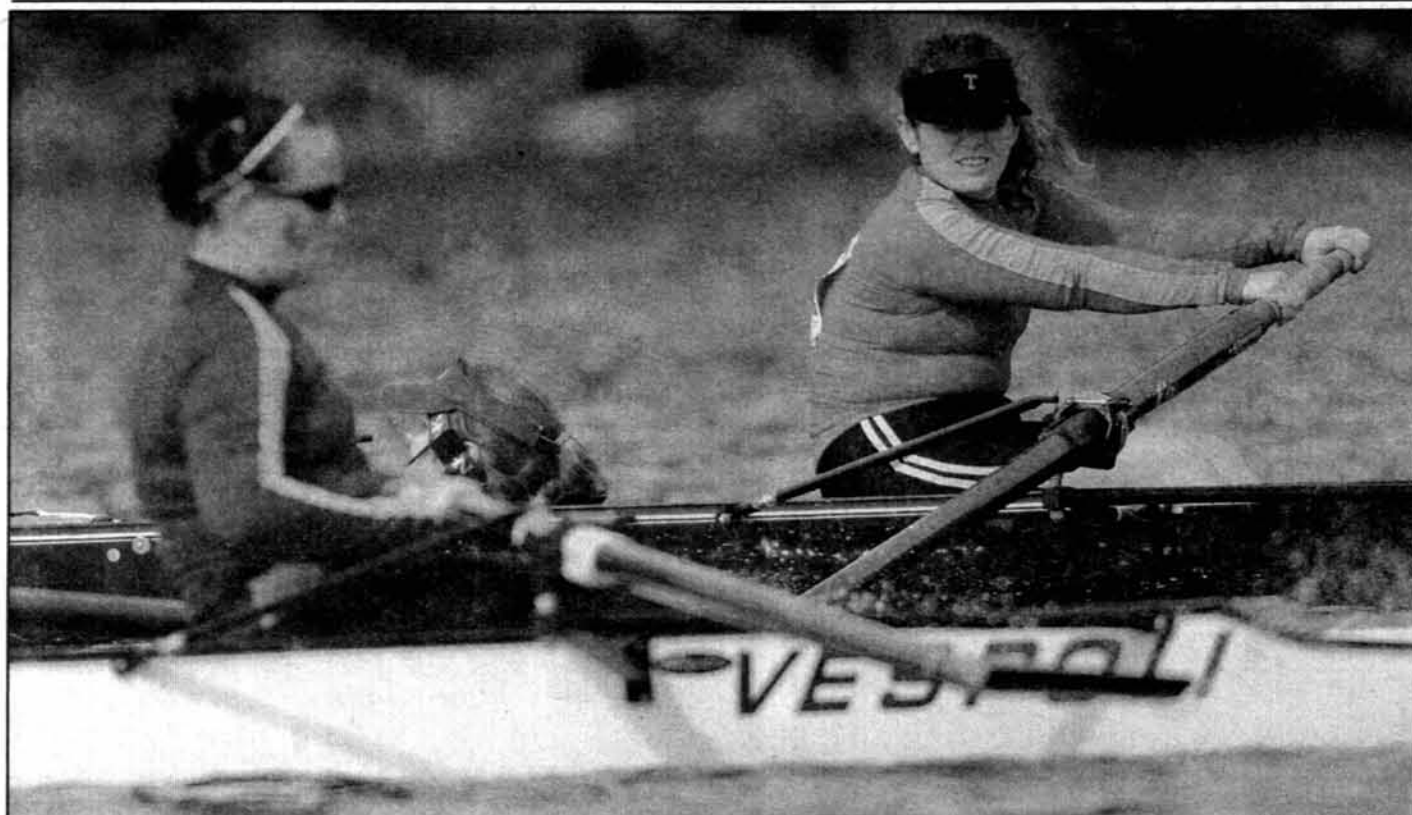
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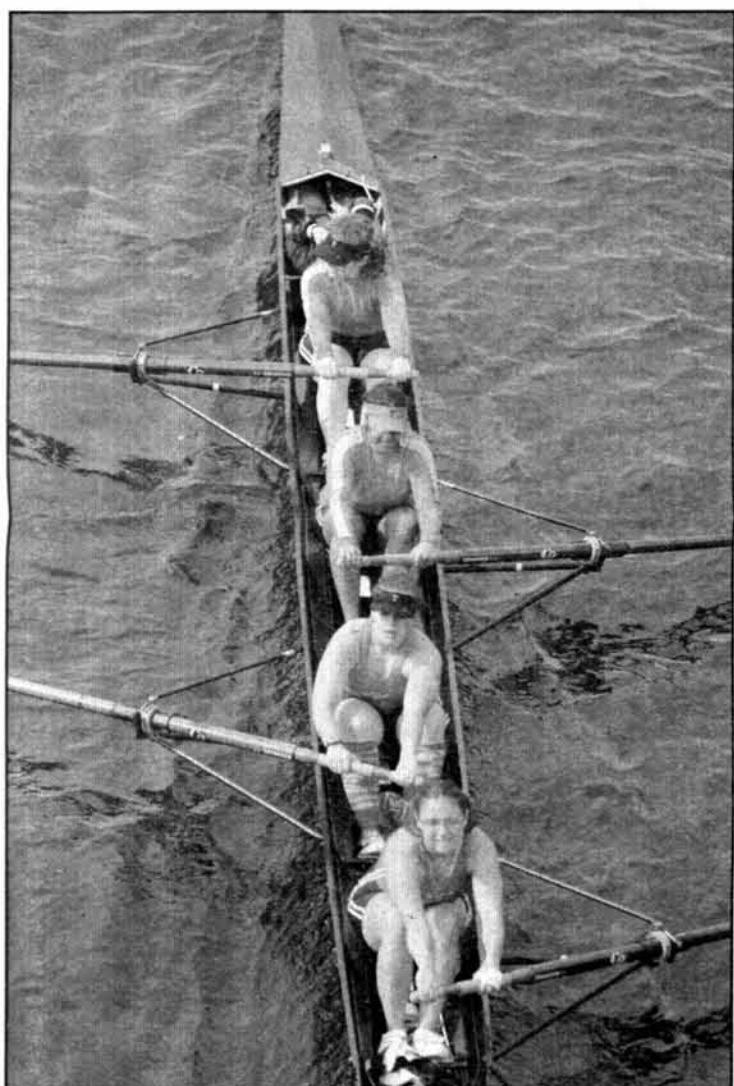


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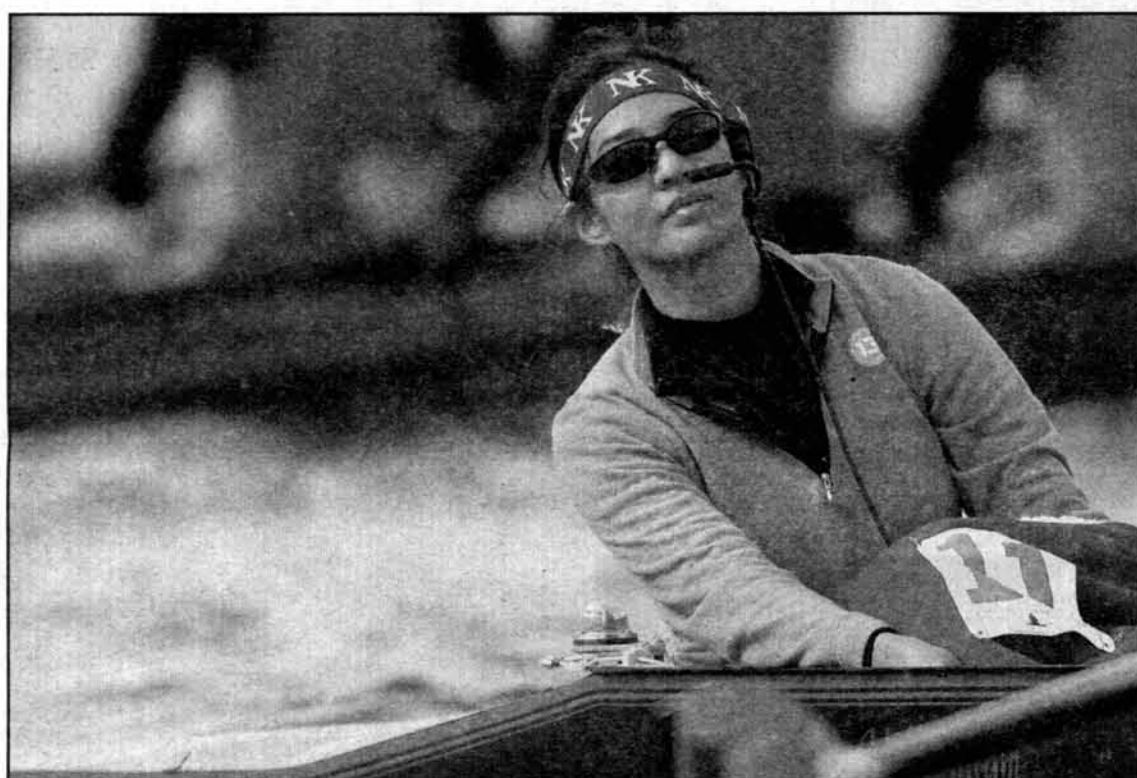


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This weekend, hundreds of rowers from across the country gathered in Cambridge to compete in the Head of the Charles regatta.

(Above) Coxswain Cathy Shaw '03 of the MIT Rowing Association, affectionately known as the "MIT Has-Beens," looks downstream after racing in the club eights race on Saturday.

Clockwise from top left:

Cynthia M. Wilson '06 sneaks a peek as she and her teammates row past a Lesley College boat during the club fours race on Saturday. The Tech women's four placed 34th among 50 boats in 21:28.

MIT's men lightweight eights approach the Elliot Bridge en route to finishing 23rd among 24 boats in 15:55. Pictured, from left to right: Louise R Giam '06, Bo Morgan '04, Jacob J. Ornelas '05, Derrick O. Carpenter '04, Michael P. Farry '04, Nick R. Powley '04, Sven H. Chilton '05, Peter S. Jaglom '05, Jeremy K. Mason '05.

The MIT varsity women's lightweight team rows under a railroad bridge near the start of the 3-mile course. Pictured from left to right are Katherine P. Hung '06, Catherine S. Yao '06, Sarah F. Newman '06, Yong-Hwa Lee '05, Elina Groberman '04, Shutsu K. Chai '06, Annemarie N. Grandke '04, Laura C. Harris '07, and coxswain Linda Z. Tao '06. The boat placed 13th out of 15 in the race.

The "MIT Has-Beens" boat, comprising of lightweight crew alumni, show off their antlers as they approach the Weeks Footbridge. The team placed 50th in 17:52 out of 53 teams. Pictured, from left to right: Cathy Shaw '03, Adam Reynolds '01, Rich Hanna '01, Kevin Schmidt '01, Marc Moesse '00, John Ho '02, Eric Swart '03, Mike Donohue '03, Stephen Carr '01.

Members from crew powerhouse Yale University prepare to load their boat into the water at Magazine Beach on Sunday. Yale University placed first among all colleges in the women's championship eights race.

Tech women's four rowers Jessica E. Chiafair '05, Jessica L. Wargo '04, Kavitha S. Rameswamy '04, and Jaryn E. Finch '04, and Cynthia M. Wilson '06 pull hard.



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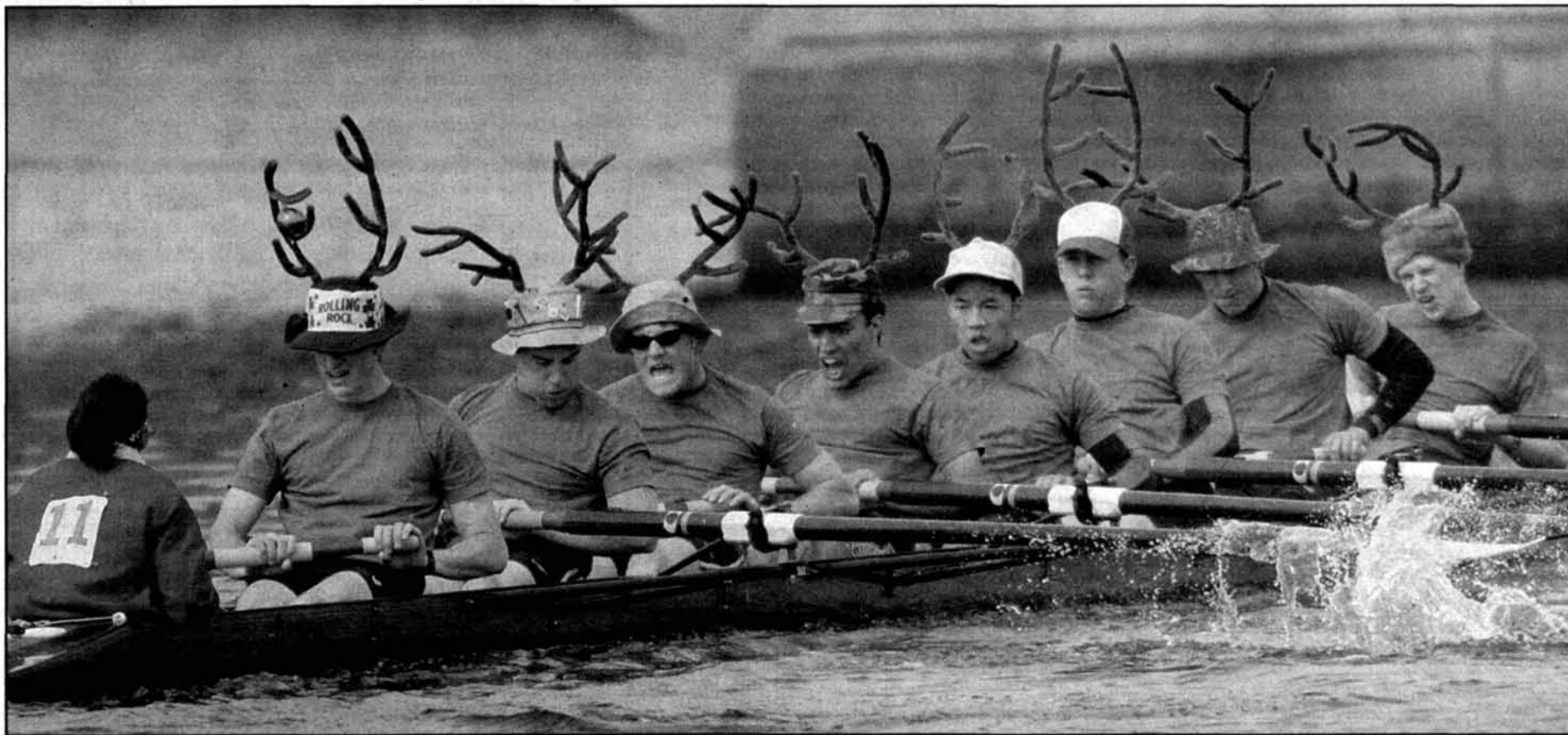


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DKE Held Unregistered Party

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dent living groups, said that "the intention of a sanction is not to destroy rush." Instead, "it's to change behavior."

Without new members next year, DKE could drop below twenty brothers as it received only one pledge last year, although according to the DKE Web site, the fraternity received nine pledges during Rush this year.

Gottlieb said that the JudComm review board "believes DKE can come back" from the suspension, and that the decision was "not reached lightly at all."

He also said that MIT had assured them that it would provide campus housing for the fraternity if necessary.

Associate Dean of Student Discipline Steven J. Tyrell said that "it has been the practice of MIT ... that they've tried to provide housing for the students" during suspensions.

Alcohol banned during Orientation

The party on Aug. 23 was an

unregistered sports mixer for members of varsity teams, according to the decision letter. The letter also said that procedures required by IFC regulations for registered parties were not followed, such as wrist bands for underage guests.

In the initial call to the MIT Police, "the reporting party states that there is an unauthorized freshmen event at DKE," according to the MIT Police log.

Deputy Chief of MIT Police John E. Driscoll said that the police could not comment further, and that they were unable to publicly distribute the report by the responding officer, Sergeant Gerald P. Doyle.

Rogers said that fraternities are banned by MIT from having alcohol during freshman Orientation, which began on Aug. 22 and ended Aug. 29.

Justin M. Nelson '04 said that he arrived at the party about 30 minutes before the MIT Police arrived. He said the party was "pretty low key," and that "by the time I had got there it was pretty late and they were out of beer."

Ashleigh V. Leonard '07 said that there was no strict monitoring system for the alcohol and that it was "just around."

Petition being circulated

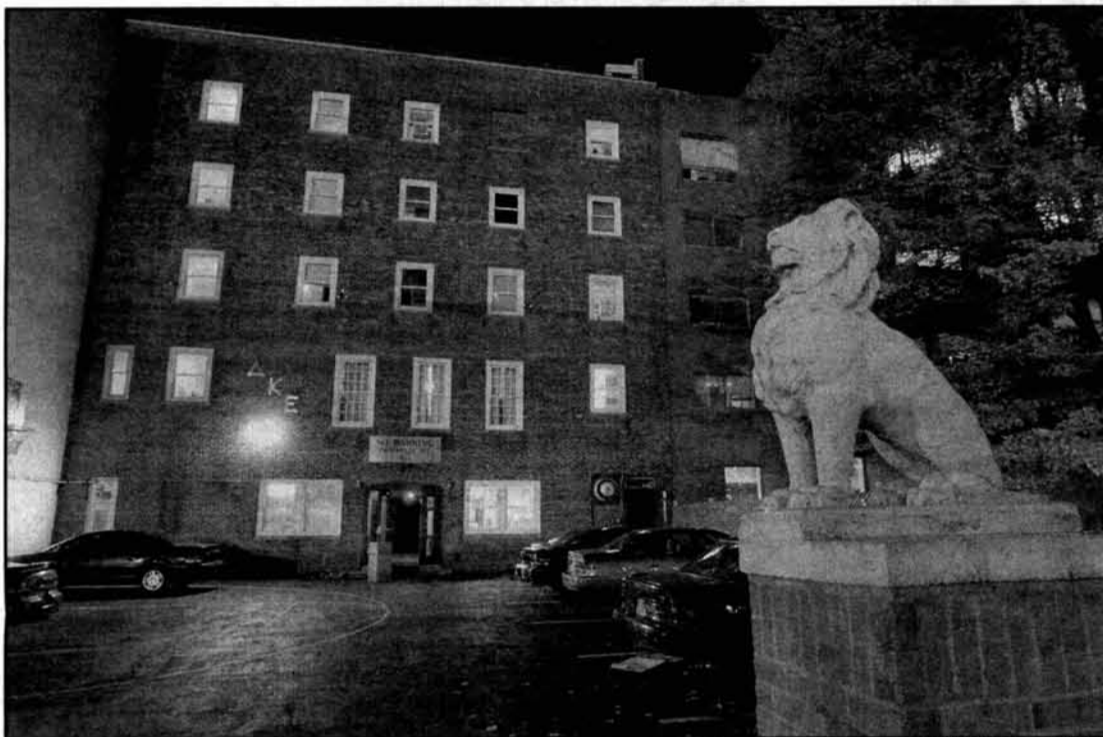
Nelson, president of Burton-Conner, said in an e-mail to the Burton-Conner discussion mailing list that "DKE is circulating a petition" to raise support for the fraternity. (Please see page 23.)

The petition says that the punishment is unreasonable and that a full year of suspension would have strongly negative effects on both the MIT community and the fraternity.

Tyrell, who was a procedural officer for the hearing, said that the decision process was "not going to be considering public opinion."

The IFC's judicial process is separate from the Cambridge License Commission, the city agency that licenses fraternities and dormitories.

"The CLC, which is looking at the same issue from a different lens" would have to make its own decision, Tyrell said.



GRANT JORDAN—THE TECH

Brothers of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity have been suspended from their house for one year. They can choose to appeal the decision until Thursday.

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DKE Petition

By signing this petition, I agree to the following statements:

- That the proposed punishment enforced upon Delta Kappa Epsilon is entirely unreasonable given the offence
- That removing the fraternity of Delta Kappa Epsilon from their house for a full year would adversely affect the MIT community
- That by removing all house activities for the period of one year would in effect remove Delta Kappa Epsilon from the MIT community forever.

Article VII

Sanctions

D. The Board's sanctions can take on the following characteristics:

1. Organizational Warning-an official written warning to the organization that they have violated an IFC or Institute policy/regulation or community standard and that further violations can result in more serious sanctions. Organizational warning can be imposed a minimum of 30 days and cannot exceed 6 months from the date a decision is rendered by the Review Board.

2. Organizational Probation-a higher sanction than organizational warning and it

can be imposed for a minimum of 6 months and cannot exceed 1 calendar year. In general, this sanction is the highest sanction an organization can receive before they incur a suspension of privileges, including loss of Institute recognition.

3. Organizational Suspension of Privileges-a decision of suspension of privileges includes revoking social events, chapter housing privileges, recruitment (rush) and new member intake programs (pledges). These privileges will be revoked for a minimum of 1 year and cannot exceed 4 years. The Review Board can invoke this sanction of suspension of privileges if a) there is suf-

ficient relevance and justification to revoke these privileges and b) unless extreme mitigating circumstances demonstrate any one of these privileges should not be revoked. In addition, a decision to revoke Institute recognition revokes all privileges noted above for a minimum of 4 years.

4. Organizational Expulsion-An organization may be expelled from MIT. An expelled organization may not participate in any MIT, IFC or student organization's sponsored functions. An expelled organization is not eligible for reinstatement as a recognized Fraternity for a minimum of 10 years.

IFC Judicial Committee Decision Letter

October 15, 2003

Brandon Hohm
President Delta Kappa Epsilon
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RE: Notice of Disciplinary Decision

Brandon,

On October 15, 2003, the IFC Judicial Committee Review Board met to hear a case involving your Fraternity. Specifically, the Review Board heard arguments involving an event that took place on August 23rd, 2003. The Board carefully examined the evidence submitted and the testimony given by Sergeant Doyle and members of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Taking all of the above into the account, the Review Board has reached a decision.

The Board unanimously felt that your house was responsible for the following charges.

1. Your Fraternity failed to register an event with the IFC/Institute.
2. The event conducted was prohibited during this time period.
3. No one checked IDs of participants to insure minors were not served.
4. The access to alcohol was not monitored.
5. The BYOB requirement was not followed by members of DKE.

Unanimously, they voted to render a decision of Organizational Suspension of Privileges through October 23, 2004. As stated in Article VII, Section D part 3:

Organizational Suspension of Privileges a decision of suspension of privileges includes revoking social events, chapter housing privileges, recruitment (rush) and new member intake programs (pledges).

In addition, the following special condition must be met as a part of your suspension:

1. During your suspension period, your organization must complete a comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of chapter life. This comprehensive evaluation includes intervention efforts to effect positive change in the organization's culture regarding its' relationship with the IFC and the MIT community as it relates to leadership, communication, recruitment programs, academic intervention programs, community service, disciplinary hearing boards, constitutional and organizational structures, risk management practices. In order to complete this requirement successfully, the leadership of the organization must begin to meet weekly with the staff in the FSILG office and begin working on each of these issues. In addition, this intervention program must include the membership revisiting its' core values and how they are congruent with that of the IFC and the Institute. This self-assessment will drive all future discussions regarding the other topics noted above. The intention of this special condition is to help you recalibrate the direction and activities of the fraternity so that you can be successful upon your return.

Charge Explanation

For the first charge, based on the undisputed facts of the case, there were 15-20 brothers, 5-10 alums/boarders and 25-30 guests. Since alums/boarders count as guests, there were 15-20 brothers to 30-40 guests. This guest:brother ratio ranges from 1.5:1 to 2:1, which is above the 1:1 ratio established for registering an event. The rule regarding alums and boarders counting as guests was discussed at President's Council. In addition, it has been stated by various people that if there is a question about whether or not to register an event, go ahead and register it just to be safe.

In regards to the charge that no one checked IDs to insure that minors were being served, Sergeant Doyle's testimony that no one had wristbands or non-washable marks on their hands and that Sergeant Doyle stated that he identified freshmen that were consuming alcohol, was the main evidence for finding your Fraternity responsible for the charge. Based on Lucas' testimony claiming that the alcohol was centrally located on a table and your quote in the police stating that no one monitored the alcohol flow because you "trusted them not to drink if they were underage," the Board felt that your house responsible for that charge as well. The BYOB rule is that each person brings a 6 pack at most for themselves and they have to check the beer at the door in exchange for 6 drink tickets. The beer is then taken to a monitored area and is only given out one at a time when the person presents their

drink ticket. A sports team bringing beer for their own team is not an example of BYOB.

While the Board believes that your house should have registered the party, even if this was not the case, the Board was extremely disappointed to hear that your house believed that since you did not have to register the party, you did not have to follow all the rules associated with events. The Risk Management rules exist for all types of events and should be followed every time. The reason why the IFC does not require houses to register events less than 1:1 is that the IFC trusts houses to follow the rules on their own. The IFC believes that above a 1:1 ration, houses need a check by other people to make sure all the policies are not overlooked, thereby avoiding potential risks.

Finally, the Board believed that you and your house should have been fully aware of the IFC rush rules and situations that were not allowed. All of the members of the board remember hearing the information at President's Council, the IFC Rush meetings and/or through people in their respective houses. The Board concluded that your house was responsible for knowing the rules and therefore, responsible for conducting an event during a time0 period where events were prohibited.

Implications

Your event on August 23rd could have had significant consequences both for Delta Kappa Epsilon and the whole IFC community. Brandon, you claimed that your actions and state of being were the main reason for the report being filed and that you, not your house, should take the blame. More concisely, the house should not be held responsible for the actions of a single brother. In this circumstance, it could not be further from the truth. First, even if you displayed the proper behavior towards Sergeant Doyle, the Board believed that the actions and events Sergeant Doyle witnessed inside your house were sufficient to warrant the same report. More importantly, the house can, and in this case should be, held responsible for the actions of a single brother. You are the president of your house and in the eyes of the IFC, MIT and the CLC, you are the person associated with your house. Your actions can dictate the opinions others have of DKE. Therefore, it is the responsibility of Delta Kappa Epsilon to elect a president who will maintain a respectable image. Furthermore, it is the duty of DKE to make sure the president continues to portray a positive image. This is probably one of the best cases for a Fraternity being held responsible for the actions of an individual brother.

On a larger scale, the event DKE held threatened the future privileges for the rest of the IFC community. As I started to explain at today's hearing, the IFC Executive Committee fought very hard to get the administration to allow the week in between the end of orientation and the start of rush to be wet. The stipulation was that from pre-orientation to the end of orientation be dry and at no point should any freshmen possess alcohol from and/or in a Fraternity. When your house violated this rule, the administration does not see DKE as the sole violators. Instead, they believe that the whole Fraternity system cannot be trusted to adhere to the compromise. The actions of one brother can be detrimental to the whole Fraternity and the actions of one Fraternity can be detrimental to the whole IFC. The potential risk that Delta Kappa Epsilon presented to the hard work of the IFC community was utterly unacceptable.

Previous History

While the Board considered the actions of August 23rd to be a gross violation of the IFC Risk Management Policy and Rush Rules, it most likely was not severe enough to warrant a suspension. However, looking at your previous history in the last 3 years (which is the time frame the Review Board considers as stated in Article VII Section C of the Judicial Committee Bylaws), the Board felt that appropriate sanction was Organizational Suspension of Privileges.

The first incident was on November 2, 2001, and involved members of DKE bringing an igloo of beer to a hockey game. The Campus Police caught them with it and IDed the individuals. Based on the findings the police went to DKE where they asked the president at the time, John Paul Shen, for a tour. On the tour, a keg was discovered. Kegs are of course, a clear (and severe) violation of the IFC Risk Management Policy. The resulting hearing on December 7, 2001 led to a few sanctions, of which the most notable was that DKE was prohibited from holding any events with alcohol in the chapter

facility until March 9, 2002.

The next incident was in fact, a series of incidents spanning from Campus Preview Weekend 2002 through a hearing on September 10, 2002. The first in the series was DKE being found responsible for violating the No-Alcohol policy during CPW 2002 (which is as bad as, if not worse than, violating the No-Alcohol policy outlined in this year's Rush Rules). The rest of the incidents occurred during the summer of 2002 where the police reported that members of DKE were "throwing light bulbs at pedestrians walking by, the malicious discharge of a fire extinguisher, the presence of a keg and tap system in the chapter house, a house fire, code violations, and complaints from summer borders regarding the cleanliness of the chapter house and inappropriate behavior of DKE brothers, including urinating in the hallways" (August 25, 2002 report from Dean Rogers). After a hearing on September 10, 2002, a slew of sanctions were levied. The most notable are that from the hearing date until April 1, 2003, the chapter was placed on social probation (details contained in 9/10/02 decision letter), and from April 1, 2003 to April 1, 2004, the chapter was on Chapter Probation (again, details contained in 9/10/02 decision letter). It is important to note that the current violations occurred while DKE is currently on Chapter Probation.

The previous two incidents as well as the current incident are all severe violations by themselves. What makes it worse is that all three incidents have occurred in a relatively short time frame, including a period where one incident overlaps with a previous sanction. In addition, each incident has a striking similarity to at least one of the other incidents. For example, in the first two incidents, there was a keg present in the house. Again, a keg is a severe violation and the fact that it was present more than one time in a span of less than a year is intolerable. Another example is the violation of No-Alcohol policies surrounding "Rush" time periods as well as periods involving the abundance of students the administration feels strongly about not being given alcohol (pre-frosh and new freshmen). The first incident occurred during CPW and the latest incident during Pre-Orientation/Orientation. All of this is topped off with the current incident violating the terms of the probation from the second incident.

The decision by the Board was not reached quickly or easily. The Board mulled over whether Delta Kappa Epsilon was properly notified of their detrimental behavior as well as the severity of sanction that could result from a future incident. In addition, the Board asked whether DKE had been given the opportunity and provided with the resources to remedy their problems. Looking at the details from the previous incidents the Board felt that the answer to both of the previous questions is yes. Considering the severity of each incident, the striking similarities between all the incidents and the potential risk Delta Kappa Epsilon's actions have posed to the IFC, the Review Board felt that the most justified sanction was Organizational Suspension of Privileges.

It is necessary to point out that this sanction does have an education component. The Review Board wants to see Delta Kappa Epsilon come back after your suspension and thrive in the community. The Board whole-heartily believes that if members of DKE commit themselves to adhering to the special condition of this sanction, there is no reason that DKE will not come back stronger than ever and will avoid incidents that would result in DKE appearing before the Review Board.

As stated in Article VIII of the Judicial Committee Bylaws, you have the right to submit a written appeal to me by Thursday, October 23, 2003. The grounds for appeal are outlined in the Bylaws. After you submit the appeal to me, Will (the Review Board Secretary) and I will form a 3-person panel composed of members who did not participate in the original hearing. They will review your appeal and follow the guidelines set forth in Article VIII.

If you have any questions about the rationale behind the decision, feel free to contact me at (617) 461-7931 or davegot@mit.edu.

Sincerely,
David Gottlieb
IFC Judicial Committee Chair

Cc: Steve Tyrell, Associate Dean for Student Conflict Resolution and Discipline
David Rogers, Assistant Dean and Director of Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
Larry Colagiovanni, IFC President
Sergeant Doyle, MIT Police, Complainant

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SPORTS

Crew Religion: What's the Deal?

By Yong-yi Zhu
COLUMNIST

The curse of the Bambino, the ball through Buckner's legs, and the game winning home run by Aaron

Column

Boone: those are all legends. These legends create the religion that is baseball. But there is another religion that looms large not only in Boston, but on college campuses across the nation: crew.

To those of us not terribly familiar to the sport, it is quite easy to miss. Heck, I didn't know anything about it for the first eighteen years of my life. I met one person back home that did it, and I only got to know her through the lab I worked at after senior year of high school.

All of the sudden, when I arrived at MIT, crew took over as the dominant sport on campus. You didn't hear that much about people in other sports; only crew seemed to consume a large population of my friends' lives. How did it just take over?

It begins harmlessly as a way to meet people, a method to get in shape, or an avenue for trying something new. Since college is a time to experience fresh things, people are more willing to join. (No, high school doesn't even come close in that department.) Harmless enough, right? (Well, at least to athletes. I heard their practice schedule for the first week and was on the verge of fainting. I'll stick with golf thank you very much.) But after this, the

dynamics begin to change.

Crew isn't a sport that people can do by themselves. The boats are expensive, and not everyone has regular access to them. The newness factor helps to attract members, but the fact that people are on a team keeps the members there. It's different from basketball or football in that you can't just have a bench. A particular boat practices and rows together and develops not only a rhythm but also some boat chemistry. A boat usually consists of eight rowers and a coxswain. What is the boat going to do if someone decides to quit? You can't just pull someone off of another boat, because then that boat will be short. It's a domino effect if just one person decides to quit. Thus, people stay with it not to disappoint others. Pretty soon, it's become routine, and the thought of quitting no longer even lingers.

With this increased chemistry within the boat, the team members then allow crew to somewhat take over their lives. Whenever a crew member gets together with another crew member, rowing is the only thing that they talk about. From practice to races, they will talk just about anything crew-related.

There's really no half committing oneself to the sport, so it seems. Either you're apathetic to it, or it consumes. The Head of the Charles is a good example. It's a free event that's quite major to college crew racing. Yet, you don't see many people going out just to take a peak

at the races that are going on. Instead, you only see die hard fans of the teams standing on the bridges yelling their heads off. Being a non-crew person, I didn't even realize the magnitude of the event. See how ignorant the rest of us are?

I was walking down the street the other day and saw a bumper sticker saying: "Athletes Row, Everybody Else Plays Games." I'm sure the person driving that car truly believes it too. It's somewhat true in a way, in that baseball, football, golf, and other sports all involve a game that "athletes" are trying to play. Crew isn't anything like that. They just row.

It's quite fair to call crew a religion. However, it's quite a different kind of religion from baseball. In baseball, you have a sense of tradition and a sense of history. The fans love to love and love to hate and the same is true with the players. In crew, the love for hard work takes precedent over everything else. If you've ever tried erging, you will know exactly what I'm talking about. I can barely do it once a year, much less several times a day.

In fact, if you looked outside your window during the day anytime last weekend, you would have seen the followers of this popular religion. They're out early in the morning practicing, in the rain, in the cold.

Unlike them, though, my "higher truth" rests with a coke, some popcorn, and Joe Buck and Tim McCarver.

Big Fuss Over Little's Choice in 7th Game

By Brian Loux
FEATURES EDITOR

The bottom line on Game 7 is this: we lost. We were not screwed out of winning.

Column

Boston really loves to think it has a submission hold on having a team that never wins. Granted, the Red Sox have become the world benchmark for this trait, but I think a large majority of sports fans have an allegiance to a tragic hero of some sort. Nick Hornsby mentions the British soccer team Arsenal in his book "Fever Pitch," and for my cognizant life, I've rooted for the Baltimore Orioles and their time has never come. When I moved here for school, my father gave me his blessing and told me to root for the Sox while I was here. Now I'm wavering.

If you were asked to write an essay on what led to the Protestant Reformation in Europe and your answer was "Martin Luther wrote his 95 theses," your history teacher would fail you so quickly that college rejection letters would arrive the next day. Simply put, a nearly infinite number of causes lead to one event.

So now let's say that essay is "Why are the 2003 Red Sox not going to the World Series?" And in quintessential fan-like foolishness, we find the perfect solution. Grady Little, he did it. He didn't take Pedro out because (God forbid!) he showed his starter that he trusted him. It's short, sweet, and allows us not to delve deeper into the problems that faced the team this year. Guess what? That's still gonna garner you an F on that paper.

Blaming Little is just as capricious as blaming Wakefield for giving Boone such a sweet pitch to open the 11th. If Pedro were taken out and the runs still scored, fans would be sitting here today lament-

ing Little's decision to pull the superstar. Not a single word in Friday's *Globe* referred to how silent the the Red Sox bats were in previous clutch games, how shaky the bullpen has been for the postseason, or how the team was unable to cinch the series earlier.

But what annoys me the most is this: almost everyone seems complacent to do this embarrassing finger pointing. Someone has to be the scapegoat before we can go on. It's never the case that the Red Sox didn't try hard enough or weren't good enough, it was that something caused them to lose. Be it as superstitious as a Babe Ruth curse or as concrete as Bill Buckner or Grady Little, blame lies squarely on one guy. Blame never lies on the team itself, a better opponent, or the thought that the fan attitude here is such that if maybe — just maybe — they lost it all, it wouldn't be all that surprising.

The fans have killed "There's Always Next Year." What it should mean right now is that the Boston Red Sox in 2004 will have an all-star team with the desire to win along with a coach and general manager that care about them, and that's certainly cause to celebrate. What it does mean is that we expect and allow some failure because we can show you who the failures are on the team, so the outcome today doesn't really matter. And that outlook does — it most certainly does — have an effect.

I am still proud of the effort and ability of the Sox to do so well. Damon and Nixon were just amazing throughout the postseason, and for their sake I cannot turn my back on the heart they showed. But if fans continue to belittle their accomplishments by criticizing a team member that's done so much for the club, I may just make my way back to Camden Yards.

Lady's X-Country Places Ahead of Rival Wheaton

By Alisha R. Schor
TEAM MEMBER

Perhaps there is something to be said about rising to the occasion because that is just what the MIT women's cross country team did last Saturday at the Twin Brook Invitational in Cumberland, Maine. The distance for the women's races was bumped up from the usual five-kilometer to a six-kilometer course, but the extra length seemed to offer more opportunity than challenge.

The Lady Tech Harriers placed third out of 13 teams, finishing ahead of fellow NEWMAC team Wheaton College (in 6th).

"We did pretty well against our big NEWMAC rivals today," said Julia C. Espel '05.

While the change in distance and the absence of another major conference rival, Wellesley College, made it difficult to extend any predictions for the championship meet (to be held Nov. 1), there were notable strong points to last weekend's race.

"People were running together and our packs were really tight this race," said Nancy J. Benedetti '05.

The results clearly back up this statement. Pack running is an essential element of a successful cross country team, and last Saturday's race produced a number of consecutive finishers, and several more within only a few seconds of each other.

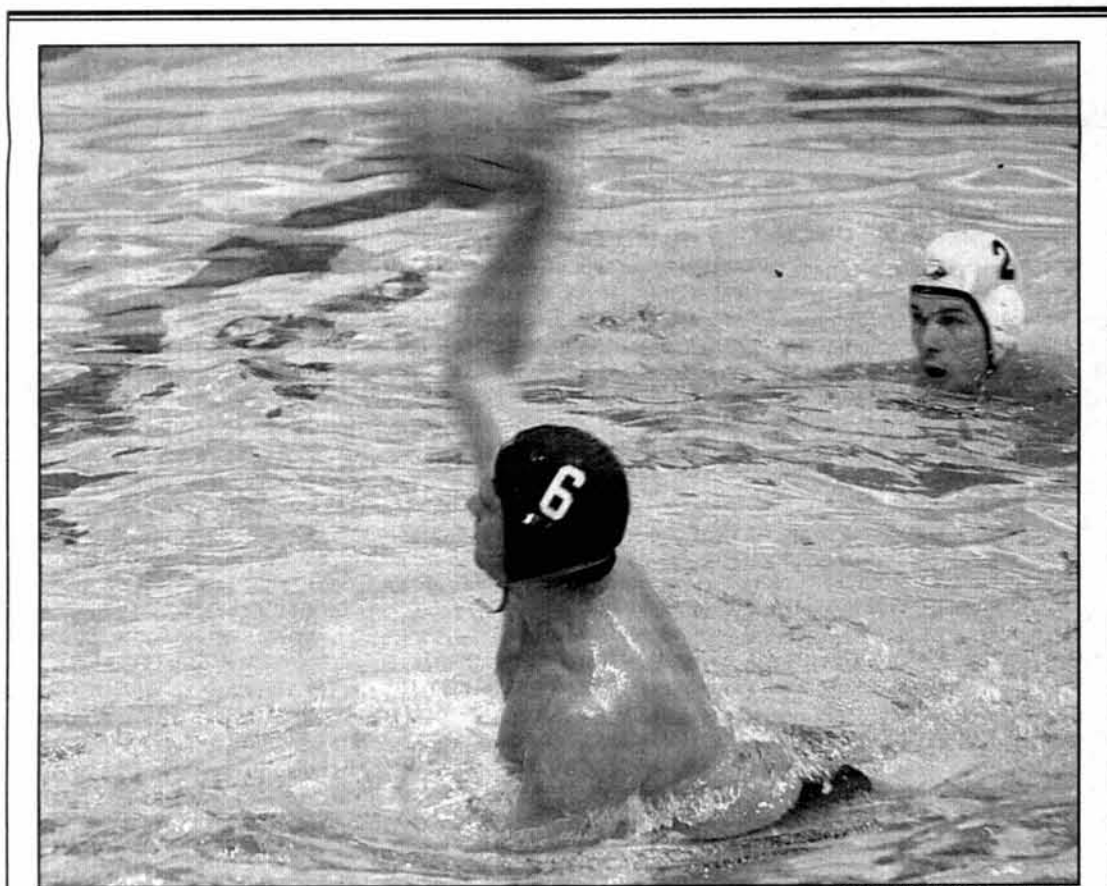
Leading the scoring positions were the usual 1-2 runners, Espel in ninth and Martha W. Buckley '04 in 10th, clocking 23:23 and 23:24 respectively. Karen L. Condon '07, Alisha R. Schor '07, and Karen A. Kinnaman '06 made up the next pack of runners, separated by only 23 seconds. The spread between the first and fifth runners was only one minute and 24 seconds, a mere one second behind the season low, a strong statement considering that the longer course generally adds over four minutes to an individual's time.

"There were definitely more pairs of people working together. Looking at the finishes you could see that," Jen A. Gaugler '05 said.

Paired finishes certainly seemed to be the theme of the day, as MIT's sixth and seven finishers, Benedetti and Betsy R. Eames '06, recorded identical times of 25:11 to finish 47th and 48th. Veronica A. Andrews '05 and Gaugler also finished only three places apart.

"We're in a good position to be competitive at NEWMAC" championships, Espel said.

Last weekend's Twin Brook Invitational was dubbed by some the "National Qualifier Preview," due to the fact that it is run on the National Qualifier course. If that is the case, then the future is looking fairly bright for the women's cross country team. It seems that they have finally heeded head coach Paul Slovenski's advice and learned to work "TECHgether."



ERIC J. CHOLANKERIL—THE TECH

David D. Lohrey '05 takes a shot for MIT last Saturday. The water polo team lost to St. Francis 11-6, after being down 9-1 at the half.

Men's X-Country Places 2nd at Twin Meet

By Imran Hendley
TEAM MEMBER

Men's cross country achieved one of their season goals on Saturday by placing their top five within twenty-six seconds of one another.

This was partly due to Ben A. Schmeckpeper '05's relatively slow time of 27:07, but even if he had run as fast as he did three weeks ago on the same course, MIT's first-to-fifth-man gap would have been one minute, which is where they want to be.

Schmeckpeper arrived at the four-mile mark neck and neck with Joshua Kennedy of Tufts and two seconds ahead of where he was at the last Twin Brook Invitational. However, he didn't show the same intensity over the final mile, finish-

ing five seconds behind Kennedy for third place. Stan Pyle of Wheaton College won with a course record time of 26:22.

Brian C. Anderson '04 came in second for MIT in 27:18, earning him eighth place overall and a t-shirt at the awards ceremony. Next was Eric A. Khatchadourian '06, back at the top of his form with a 27:25 finish for 14th place. California native Kevin F. Brulois '07, who is constantly complaining about the weather, showed up for the second time in a row without a shirt to put on after the race. However, this time he could not muster a top 12 finish to win one, and had to put up with the cold until the team could change into its nice clothes. Brulois finished 19th in 27:33. John A. Brewer '05 was a step behind to round out the top five, and take 20th with an iden-

tical time.

MIT's next four also ran solid races on the day. Chris J. Fidkowski G finished in 28:06 for 34th, Ian H. Driver '05 was next in 28:12 for 36th, and then Spencer C. Dudley '07 came in with 28:32 for 47th, followed by Kevin J. DiGenova '07 with 28:43 for 53rd.

MIT finished with 64, behind Tufts' first place of 37, but their cumulative time was only 45 seconds slower than that of Tufts, showing that MIT is comparable with the best in New England. MIT will look to defend its conference title in two weeks at the NEWMAC Championship, before returning to the Twin Brook course on November fifteenth for the New England Division III Cross Country Championships and a shot at qualifying for nationals.